

# Literacy Council of South Temiskaming

## March/April 2011 Newsletter



### Upcoming Events

- ◆ **South Temiskaming Community Service Planning** meeting March 1, 2011 in the boardroom of Job Connect @ 10:00 A.M.
- ◆ **Steps to Employment** course begins March 7-31, 2011.
- ◆ **International Women's Day** display at Riverside Place on March 7, 2011.
- ◆ **Monthly Board meeting** on March 21, 2011 @ 6:30 P.M.
- ◆ **LCST Annual Yard Sale** on May 14, 2011. Donations gratefully accepted. No clothes please.

The **Literacy Council of South Temiskaming** exists to provide Literacy and Basic Skills programs and training to area residents. This service is **free**, confidential and centered on the individual's needs. Learners receive one-on-one coaching from staff, instructors and/or volunteers from the community.

Intake is continuous so clients may access our services at any time. People come to:

- 📖 prepare a resume
- 📖 learn job search skills
- 📖 improve writing skills
- 📖 prepare for the driver's test
- 📖 improve banking skills
- 📖 learn budgeting skills
- 📖 improve computer skills

If you want to learn, or know someone that wants to learn, please contact our office at (705) **672-4232**.

### 5 More Reasons To Invest In Ontario's Literacy & Basic Skills Programs

#### Lifelong Learning

Lifelong learning is important for economic prosperity and personal growth. Raising the literacy levels of Canadians is one of the most important ways to encourage lifelong learning in our country.

#### Literacy and Families

Parents play a vital role as their children's first teachers. The higher the level of a parent's education, the higher the likelihood the child will succeed in school.

#### Literacy and Income

People with low literacy skills earn considerably less than those with high literacy skills and they are also more likely to receive social assistance from the government.

#### Literacy and Access to Education and Training

Just 21% of people with the lowest levels of literacy accessed some form of adult education and training in the year preceding the survey, compared to 65% of people with the highest levels.

#### Literacy and Justice

Upon arrival at correctional institutions, approximately 65% of offenders test at a level lower than Grade 8, and 82% test lower than Grade 10.

## Steps to Employment - March 7-31, 2011

*"Education costs money, but then so does ignorance."  
-- Sir Claus Moser.*



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We're on the Web!  
[www.nald.ca/lcst.htm](http://www.nald.ca/lcst.htm)

### Explore the skills that affect your job prospects in this 4 week course.

You will learn about the demands of job searching. You will work on a range of self-management/self-direction skills such as time management as well as job-specific applications of reading, writing, computer, and speaking/listening skills.

#### Week 1 – Your Skills

- Identify skills for today's workforce
- Identify your skills
- Resume, cover letters, references

#### Week 2 – Steps to Employment

- How to apply for a job
- Job search on the internet or in person

#### Module 3 – Let's Play, "Hiring a Worker"

- Interview preparation
- Interview questions

#### Week 4 – Job Opportunities

- Why working makes financial sense
- Trips to possible employers
- Trips to possible volunteer opportunities

*"Getting things done is not always what is most important. There is value in allowing others to learn, even if the task is not accomplished as quickly, efficiently or effectively."  
-- R.D. Clyde*

## CAMERA System

### What is CAMERA?

CAMERA (Communications and Math Employment Readiness Assessment) is a series of seven tests that provide assessors and administrators with information about learners' Essential Skills in the domains of Reading Text, Document Use, Writing and Numeracy.

The CAMERA System is designed specifically for use in LBS agencies delivering Workforce Literacy programming where LBS learners are preparing to enter or re-enter the workforce.

The tests offer:

- information on initial learner placement in one of three stages that encompasses the five LBS levels
- information about how a learner completes workplace-oriented literacy and numeracy tasks
- a range of tasks that demonstrate Essential Skills necessary for entry-level occupations across employment sectors

