



# The Centre for Literacy

## Le centre d'alphabétisation

**E-NEWS – February 3, 2012**

A biweekly review of events and website postings at The Centre - *Issue #1*

In 2012, ENEWS will take the form of a bi-weekly review of the postings and activities from the previous two weeks. To set up a regular schedule, this first issue includes a three-week summary. We will continue to use E-Alerts to announce upcoming events and news releases.

E-NEWS will also add a new feature entitled *More about LES*, short opinion pieces by Centre staff and associates on current trends, ideas or findings about literacy and essential skills from Canada and abroad. The first opinion piece will appear in the next edition of E-NEWS - February 17, 2012.

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#### **1. The Centre announces a new series of webinars**

##### **1.1. [Webinar – February 8, 2012 – 13.30 – 15.00 EST](#)**

Professor Steve Reder, Portland State University, will present findings from his decade long Longitudinal Study on Adult Learners (LSAL) on the impacts of adult basic education programs on their lives and the implications for policy and practice.

##### **1.2. [Webinar – February 15, 2012 – 11.30 – 13.00 EST](#) – English**

Mr. Patrick Bussière, Director, Learning Policy Research Division, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) will present an outline of the Programme of International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) survey and what LES programs can learn from the findings and Canadian demographic information.

##### **1.3. [Webinaire – le 16 février 2012– 11.30 – 13.00 HNE](#)**

M. Patrick Bussière fera une présentation sur le Programme pour l'évaluation internationale des compétence des adultes (PIAAC) et parlera sur l'utilité des résultats pour les organismes qui oeuvrent dans le domaine de l'alphabétisation et des compétences essentielles.

## 2. The Centre releases [report on LES needs of Quebec's Anglophone Adults](#)

The report [The Literacy and Essential Skills Needs of Quebec Anglophone Adults](#) was published in January and is available on our website.

## 3. Registration opens for Summer Institute 2012

**Workplace, Literacy and Essential Skills: Shaping a New Learning Culture**  
**June 27, 28, 29, 2012.**

The [2012 institute](#) [<http://www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca/learningevents/summer-institute-2012-workplace-literacy-essential-skills-shaping-new-learning-cultur>] will consolidate the learning from the last three Summer Institutes and research to focus on questions about the roles of context and culture as factors in program outcomes. Early bird registration until May 1, 2012. Registration is limited to 100.

## 4. The Centre posts [January Research Scan](#) Online

Recent research on workplace and essential skills programs, health literacy, and family literacy are included.

## 5. [The Centre collaborates on Family Literacy Day event January 25, 2012](#)

The Centre collaborated with the [Lire/Imagine/Read Program](#) at the Montreal Children's Hospital on its annual Family Literacy Day event. A Grand Rounds lecture to health professionals by Dr. Alyson Shaw entitled "Read, speak, sing: Promoting literacy in the physician's office" kicked off the day.



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