Identity

Literacy Link Niagara (LLN) is one of sixteen regional literacy networks in the province of Ontario funded by the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities.

LLN is a not-for profit, incorporated, charitable organization, governed by the volunteer Board of Directors and managed by the Executive Director.

LLN was incorporated by its first Board of Directors in 1992. Its founding purpose was to connect local agencies delivering literacy programming, to enhance the sharing of information and resources - hence the “link” in Literacy Link Niagara.

Over the years the organization has evolved in response to changing local needs and shifting government priorities. Currently the key functions of the network include:

* Planning and coordination of adult literacy services through our local Literacy Planning Process (LSP)
* Enhancing communications among agencies delivering adult literacy programming
* Developing local agreements to support consistent and high quality practices among these agencies delivering adult literacy programming through our active practitioner group, the Common Front Line Focus Group.
* Providing professional development for literacy practitioners – paid and volunteer - working for these agencies
* Supporting MTCU initiatives at the local level
* Providing information and referral to the public at large and specifically to the Region of Niagara’s Ontario Works clients through our Client Assessment and Referral program
* Raising awareness of literacy as a community issue in sectors where literacy has a major impact – employment, the law, citizenship, health - and among the public at large

We link internally with adult literacy service providers and externally with the community at large.