

Evaluation of Literacy and Essential Skills, 2011-2016

The Program is working with partners and stakeholders across Canada to improve literacy and essential skills by supporting the integration of these skills into labour market programming.



THE PROGRAM PROVIDES:

- Grants and contributions to organizations
- Tools and resources
- Support for stakeholder network development



THE PROGRAM IS MAKING A CONTRIBUTION:

- A majority of stakeholders and partners agreed that workplace literacy and skills investments result in more productive workers
- Over four-fifths (84%) of funded organizations agreed that the federal government should support efforts in workplace literacy and essential skills
- Program increased partner and stakeholder capacity to integrate literacy and essential skills by:
 - developing and disseminating 88 tools and resources
 - better collaboration with partners in over 200 engagements
 - providing over \$90M to organizations between 2011-12 and 2015-16



CHALLENGES:

- Over four-fifths (82%) of funded organizations indicated a high level of administrative burden
- Almost half (48%) of funded organizations stated that changes to the labour market as a whole are not yet evident
- Limits to reporting on outcomes due to inconsistency in quality and type of performance information



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Work with partners to develop better partnership strategies that support stakeholder network development and sustainable approaches
- Continue to improve communications with partners and stakeholders
- Update the performance measurement information and related tools

The full [Literacy and Essential Skills Evaluation](#) is available on Employment and Social Development Canada's website.

