

Top Picks From 2020

Tip Sheet

- 1 Online Supports for Literacy and Foundational Learning: *Invaluable resource to support pivot to online and blended learning opportunities.*
- 2 ECALA Classroom series: *I was able to use what I learned in my online classroom right away.*
- 3 Community Conversation (Spring and Fall): *I never miss these sessions as I get a quick update on what I need to know to meet the requirements of ECALA funding.*
- 4 Evaluation Workshop Three-part Series: *I thought our agency had the evaluation capacity we needed until I joined these sessions. We now have an evaluation plan and internal forms that staff and volunteers know how to complete.*
- 5 Coaching and Modelling support one-on-one or with your team provided by ECALA staff: *Thank you for taking the time to help us understand learner-centered practice and how we can easily adapt our current practices.*
- 6 ECALA Collective Kitchen Handbook: *Practical and relevant activities that you can incorporate into other learning opportunities.*
- 7 Wellness Sessions: *The sessions were just what I needed during these very challenging times. While I do not feel comfortable in participating in groups when looking inward at my wellness, these sessions created a safe and compassionate space to share with each other and use some of the resources and strategies shared by everyone participating.*
- 8 ECALA Needs Assessment 2019: *I have used this report when applying for other grants and also in planning ECALA funded sessions with staff and volunteers. I know others have used it for baseline information in their needs assessment projects.*
- 9 Promotional Materials Workshop: *I hope ECALA repeats this workshop in 2021 as my colleagues would love to attend. I have led a review of our posters and other promotional materials and we have already seen an increase in the number of learners registering who could not understand or read our posters before.*
- 10 Indigenous Ways of Knowing Workshops (Medicine Wheel, Protocol, Reconciliation): *I incorporate the teaching and knowledge of the first people in my work and works towards more balance in my life.*



- 11 Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp: *Who knew social media platforms could be used in so many ways to connect with current and prospective learners! Our agency is now sharing posts on the [ECALA Facebook page](#) so our learners are aware of other learning opportunities they may want to register for.*
- 12 ECALA Website Resource Page: *A presenter at the 2020 Literacy and Learning Symposium found the research paper relevant to their presentation on the ECALA website. Resources from all ECALA PD sessions and those shared in the e-newsletters are also on the Resource Page.*
- 13 ECALA Collaboration Portal: *I submitted my Needs Assessment for my Application using the Collaboration Portal in record time. I hope we can submit all of our reporting to ECALA soon using this platform.*
- 14 "Yes, I Can: A Mental Health Guide for Adult Literacy Practitioners": *Thank you for sharing this resource. I have printed it and highlighted several pages I want to read right away".*
- 15 Zoom Tips and Tricks: *Hope it is okay with ECALA that I shared the information from this workshop with staff in other agencies and my family.*
- 16 Introduction to Family Violence: *It is really hard to find supports for individuals impacted by family violence in our rural community so the information in this workshop is so important for everyone to know in our community. Please repeat this workshop so I can register the rest of our staff.*
- 17 ECALA Learning Opportunities Directory 2020-2021: *We use the directory weekly to refer learners and to review when revising our learning opportunities. Hoping that it will include locations, dates and times soon.*
- 18 Strengths-based Approach: Preparing People to Thrive by Dr. Wayne Hammond: *The two-part videos are so easy to share during a staff or volunteer training session.*
- 19 PTSD & Trauma Two-part Workshops: *I was hesitant to register as I was not sure how this workshop would be relevant to my work in teaching reading and writing. I am so glad I participated and hope to see a part three that would explore Intergenerational Trauma.*
- 20 Customized Workshop for our Agency: *Thank you, ECALA, for delivering a workshop unique to the needs of our staff and volunteers at our staff meeting. It would have been impossible to send everyone who wanted to participate to the workshops ECALA offers monthly.*

