

WE LIP council members have been working together to support the transition of the Syrian refugees who have not yet secured employment from IRCC Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) financial supports to Ontario Works. As a result of the joint Orientation and Communication (OAC) Committee and the WE LIP Settlement Partners Information Communication Exchange (SPICE) Committee Month 13 Planning meeting, a Train the Trainer session was planned. The purpose of the training was to help ensure Orientation staff from IRCC funded settlement service provider organizations are providing all clients with the information they need.

The 1.5 hour session was hosted and facilitated by the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County on October 5, 2016. A PowerPoint presentation entitled "What Comes Next" outlining the next steps for those applying for Ontario Works was shared with the group. Representation from City of Windsor Ontario Works was also present to provide input.

Agenda

- What comes next?
- **Ontario Works** program requirements and application process
 - Guest Speaker: **Ontario Works Staff**, City of Windsor Social Services
- Q & A
- Assistance with scheduling appointments for **Ontario Works** applications

What comes next?

- Assistance comes to an end
- Continue learning and improving English
- Looking for work
- Continue accessing support services in the community
- Applying for Ontario Works Assistance

The following organizations participated in the Train the Trainer Session:

- Collège Boréal
- Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County
- New Canadians' Centre of Excellence Inc.
- Windsor Women Working With Immigrant Women
- Unemployed Help Centre
- Women's Enterprise Skills Training of Windsor Inc.
- YMCA of Windsor-Essex
- Centre Communautaire Francophone Windsor Essex Kent Inc. Centre d'orientation des adolescents

MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL OF WINDSOR AND ESSEX COUNTY RECEIVES \$35,000 FROM WELCOME FUND FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

WE LIP council member organization, WindsorEssex Community Foundation announced a \$35,000 contribution to the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex on July 19, 2016. This financial support comes from the Community Foundations of Canada's Welcome Fund for Syrian Refugees in support of local settlement efforts.

As Canadians join together in welcoming refugees from Syria, the Welcome Fund provides an important community-driven investment in assisting families to transition into suitable permanent housing. Special thanks to Manulife, CN, GM, and Community Foundations of Canada for this exciting opportunity!



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