

The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit released its Community Needs Assessment (CNA) Report 2016 in October. WE LIP council member organizations were instrumental in helping to engage immigrants to complete the CMA survey and in advocating to have the survey available in French and Arabic. Additionally, WE LIP member organizations hosted focus groups that provided vital input for the assessment. Feedback from immigrants was included in the report. The summary report can be found on the Health Unit's website at <https://www.wechu.org/reports-and-statistics/2016-community-needs-assessment-summary-report>



### Excerpts from the Summary Report:

*For example, immigrants account for 21.4% of the population of WEC. English is not the first language for 1 in 4 residents of WEC. The francophone, immigrants, and new Canadian focus groups identified a need to have stronger partnerships to support the unique and emerging needs of newcomers to WEC.*

*Many focus groups confused the services offered by the Health Unit with hospital services, especially in the New Canadian focus groups.*

# Understanding the Canadian Healthcare System Course for IEHPs October and November 2016

In October and November, 2016, WE LIP Council members, HealthForceOntario - HIRE Project and the Windsor Essex Economic Development Corporation, collaborated to deliver the *Understanding the Canadian Health Care System* course for Internationally Educated Health Professionals (IEHP).

The 20-hour course which included 4 sessions over 4 consecutive weeks was delivered by HealthForceOntario in the Economic Development Corporation's board room. It offered Internationally Educated Health Professionals an interactive classroom based understanding of the Ontario health care system including the key concepts and principles of professional practice needed to work as a health care professional in Ontario.

The group was comprised of individuals from varying healthcare backgrounds including nursing, medicine, pharmacology, laboratory medicine and radiology. Participants stated that they found the course to be very beneficial, especially in understanding the cultural differences when interacting with patients in Canada.



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