

WE LIP Newsletter - Fall 2016



Train the Trainer: What Comes Next Information Session

October 5, 2016

Our community partners have been working together to support the transition of the Syrian refugees who have yet to secure 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 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.
- The 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 (Centre Ado)

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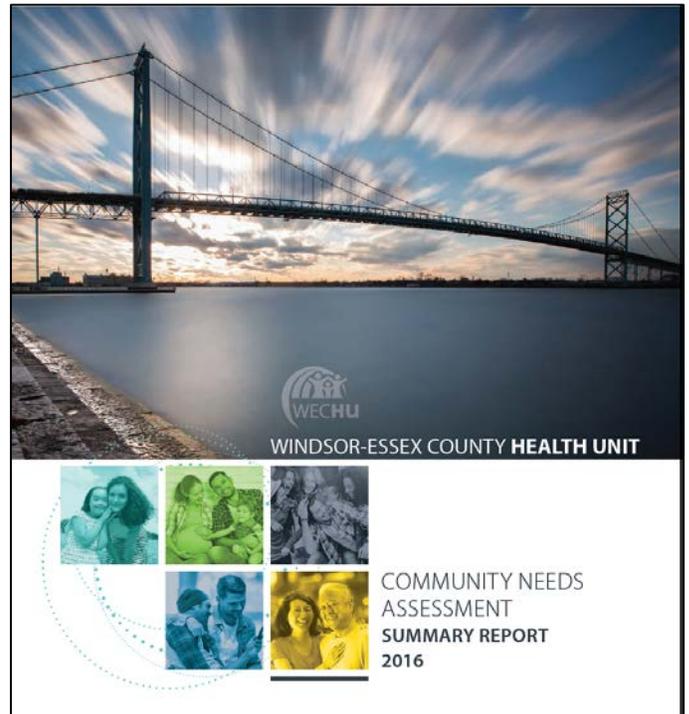
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Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Community Needs Assessment Summary Report 2016

October 2016

The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit released its Community Needs Assessment (CMA) 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.

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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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Semaine nationale de l'immigration francophone

Du 30 octobre au 5 novembre 2016



Bilan de la Semaine nationale de l'immigration francophone 2016 dans le Centre-Sud-Ouest de l'Ontario



Pour cette quatrième édition de la Semaine nationale de l'immigration francophone qui s'est déroulée du 30 octobre au 5 novembre 2016, le Réseau de soutien à l'immigration francophone et ses partenaires se sont mobilisés pour célébrer les immigrants francophones ainsi que les communautés qui les accueillent.

Pour commencer la semaine, un lancement officiel a eu lieu au Collège Boréal de Windsor, diffusé en direct aux sites suivants du Collège Boréal: Hamilton, London et Toronto. Cette cérémonie, regroupant une centaine de partenaires et membres de la communauté a été honorée par la présence de l'honorable Marie-France Lalonde, ministre déléguée aux affaires francophones.



Par la suite, une vingtaine d'activités ont été menées par nos partenaires sur tout le territoire du Centre-Sud-Ouest de l'Ontario. Une des nouveautés cette année a été le lancement d'un Prix de reconnaissance des employeurs champions en immigration francophone dont l'objectif était de reconnaître l'apport des employeurs dans l'embauche et la rétention de la main d'œuvre issue de l'immigration francophone.

Lors de la soirée de clôture sous le thème: "des francophones originaires des 5 continents" qui s'est déroulée au Marconi Club de London, près de 150 partenaires et membres de la communauté de tout le centre-sud-ouest se sont réunis pour partager un repas, participer à des démonstrations culturelles variées et assister à la remise des Prix aux cinq (5) finalistes employeurs de cette édition. Merci à nos partenaires et commanditaires!



National Francophone Immigration Week

October 30 – November 5, 2016

Summary of the Francophone National Immigration Week 2016 in the Central-South-West of Ontario

For the 4th annual Francophone National Immigration Week, which took place from October 30 to November 5th, 2016, the Francophone Immigration Network and its partners were mobilized to celebrate Francophone immigrants and the welcoming communities.

To begin the week, an official launch took place at Collège Boréal of Windsor and was broadcast live at the following locations of the Collège Boréal: Hamilton, London and Toronto. This ceremony, attended by around 100 partners and members of the community, was honored by the presence of Marie-France Lalonde, Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs.



Subsequently, twenty activities were carried out by our partners throughout the Central-South-West region of Ontario. One of the new initiatives this year was the launch of a Recognition Award for Employers Champion in Francophone Immigration. The objective of which was to recognize the contribution of employers in the hiring and retention of Francophone immigration workforce.



Le Cercle de l'Amitié, gagnant dans la catégorie Entreprise sociale / winner in the social enterprise category

The closing ceremony was held at the Marconi Club under the theme: "Francophone from five continents". Nearly 150 partners and members of the community from Central-South-West attended, shared a meal, participated in various cultural demonstrations and attended the Awards Ceremony for the five (5) Employer Finalists of this edition. Thank you to our partners and sponsors!





2017 Jean Foster Welcoming Community Award Nominations Open

November 7, 2016



The Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership initiated the Jean Foster Welcoming Community Memorial Award in 2014 to recognize Jean Foster's commitment to community collaboration and how it can enhance service delivery for newcomers, immigrants, refugees in Windsor Essex. Jean understood and modeled ways to create a sense of welcoming by improving access to services, initiating programs and by being a committed WE LIP ambassador.

Three awards will be presented at the WE LIP Annual Community Forum which will take place Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Caboto Club.

Award categories include:

1. **Youth** (29 and under)
2. **Individual** (30 and over)
3. **Group**

Nominations are open November 7 to December 16, 2016.

The Nomination Package can be found at the following link:

<http://workforcewindsor-essex.com/windsor-essex-local-immigration-partnership/>