



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

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Dear MAP members,

How are you doing? That's a common question nowadays and one that MAP wants to focus on during the pandemic and the unrest caused by overt and covert racism – providing support through online MAP meetings, information and a friendly check in. We will keep you up to date with any changes to refugee claimant services as they happen - and ask if you have information that you would like to share with MAP that you let us know at info@mapbc.org

MAP NEWS

- If you are a MAP agency and haven't done so yet please complete the **Emergency Planning Survey**: <https://mapbc.org/map-emergency-plan-survey/>
- **Last chance to register for In Focus 2 – 'Canadian Refugee Law – who is it protecting?'** on Thursday April 15 at 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm online with Dr Efrat Arbel of the Peter Allard School of Law UBC. More information inside – or [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Next MAP Meeting: Thursday April 22, 9:30 am – 12pm: What we learned from the Emergency Planning Survey & How to Solve the Challenges we Face – in working groups.**

Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants - especially during these unprecedented times. Stay safe and well - and let's not let social distancing be a barrier to the folks we serve.

Jenny Lam and Richard Belcham - and the other Jenny!

Dear MAP Members and friends

At the last MAP meeting we began the process of planning for what would happen if there was a sudden increase in the number of people arriving in BC to seek refugee protection.

Part of the planning process is to map what services currently exist for refugee claimants, how they can be expanded through community connections and networks, as well as some of the gaps and challenges that exist. We also want to provide space for ideas and innovations from our membership and beyond to respond to any increase.

Like many other organizations that are planning how to respond, we have no definitive data on what will happen. There are many variables that might affect any increase, including a decision about the Safe Third Country Agreement, COVID vaccines, travel restrictions and the re-opening of the Canada/US border. We aren't making any predictions – but we are working to create a plan that will help us all to respond.

Therefore, we are writing to ask if your organization would please complete our emergency planning survey. You can find the survey here:
<https://mapbc.org/map-emergency-plan-survey/>

Some notes about the survey:

- Please complete only one survey for each organization
- Please forward the link to other organizations who you know that might not be members of MAP, but may provide services for refugee claimants
- Remember, this is for planning purposes only, and so when submitting ideas or suggestions please don't be concerned about funding
- Please complete the survey in conjunction with other members of your organization – it's important that everyone is involved

We are so grateful to be working with such amazing people who are working together to serve refugee claimants across BC. Thank you in advance, and please let us know if you have any questions.

Jenny Lam, Richard Belcham and Jenny Moss
MAP BC Executive

FROM IMMUNIZE BC:

The Get Vaccinated website is available in the languages below:

- [如何接種新型冠狀病毒疫苗 \(Traditional Chinese\)](#)
- [如何接种新型冠状病毒疫苗 \(Simplified Chinese\)](#)
- [Marche à suivre pour se faire vacciner contre la COVID-19](#)
- [ਕੋਵਿਡ-19 ਲਈ ਟੀਕਾਕਰਣ ਕਿਵੇਂ ਕਰਾਈਏ](#)
- [را دریافت کنید COVID-19 چطور واکسن](#)
- [Paano magpabakuna para sa COVID-19](#)
- [코로나19 예방접종 받는 방법](#)
- [Cómo vacunarse contra el COVID-19](#)
- [كيفية الحصول على لقاح كوفيد-19](#)
- [Cách nhận vắc-xin ngừa COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19ワクチン接種の受け方](#)
- [कोविड-19 के लिए टीकाकरण कैसे करवाएं](#)

Below is the **registration** schedule for this week:

- 55+ at noon Mon Apr 12
- 50+ at noon Wed Apr 14
- 45+ at noon Fri Apr 16
- 40+ at noon Mon Apr 19

Reminder the vaccination process is a three stage process - [How to get vaccinated for COVID-19 - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](#).

Invitations to book is at 67+.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Lizette Immunize BC Project

Stay Informed: gov.bc.ca/COVID, bccdc.ca, 1.88.COVID19

The Province has also prepared social media content (links below) in Punjabi, Farsi, French, and simplified and traditional Chinese.

3 Steps to Getting the Vaccine	
Facebook (multilingual post) Instagram (multilingual carousel) Twitter (multilingual thread) • English • French • Traditional Chinese • Simplified Chinese • Punjabi	



Rainbow Refugee Society continues to support LGBTQ refugee and refugee claimants during the pandemic. We are holding two virtual drop-in groups a week, on Thursdays and Sundays. To connect with us, please contact our In-Canada Support Manager, Nazanin, at support@rainbowrefugee.ca

Understanding the needs and challenges of recruitment

Telecommunications



April 15, 2020
9:00-11:00am

This event will provide immigrant and refugee job seekers a better understanding of the needs, skills and qualifications required by the telecommunications sector. This event will provide information and offer attendees the opportunity to ask employers questions.

Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfo3hxd>

Panelists:

Mark Hynes, Fortis BC
Deepti Tivel, Talent Acquisition
Rogers Communications

Moderator: Mina Haghighi, Futurpreneur

Chat Moderator: Barb Kalashnikov



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Poster attached also

Continuing with the series of sessions on needs and challenges in different sectors we will be talking to employers in the Telecommunication and Call Centres.

Registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfo3hxd>

Statistics Canada is delighted to invite you to our **free** upcoming webinars and information sessions. These sessions provide valuable information on relevant and current statistical topics in two distinct formats.

How do these sessions differ?

Webinars are live online presentations that conclude with a poll. Information sessions are a new series to Statistics Canada. They are live online presentations that may include interactive components during the sessions, will feature a question and answer period, and conclude with a poll.

Please note: Advanced registration is required. As spaces are limited, please register early! If a session becomes full and you would like to attend a future session, please email us at statcan.westinfo-ouestinfo.statcan@canada.ca. See below for more information.

Information Session: Considerations for Displaying Data using Graphs

Description: One of the main objectives of statistics is to distill data into information which can be summarized and easily understood. Data visualizations, which include graphs and charts, are powerful ways of doing so. The purpose of this information session is to provide examples of common graphs and charts, highlight practical advice to help the audience choose the right display for their data, and identify what to avoid and why. An overall objective is to build capacity and increase understanding of fundamental techniques which foster accurate and effective dissemination of statistics and research findings.

Intended Target Audience: This is an **introductory** information session; it may be too basic for advanced data users.

Language, Dates, Times, and Registration Links

- English: April 22, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iww2E_RZS2yyaSUZEcRT_Q
- French: April 28, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_K2MgJUJkSumA1GIMZjkluQ



Description: This webinar will provide you with an overview of the Canadian Housing Statistics Program (CHSP) and its key deliverables. The CHSP is an innovative data project that leverages existing data sources and transforms them into new and timely indicators on Canadian housing. Topics covered by the program include characteristics of residential properties (assessment value, property type, period of construction, living area) and their owners (including income, age, residency, and immigration status, legal-type of non-individual owners).

Intended Target Audience: This is an **introductory** webinar; it may be too basic for advanced data users.

Language, Dates, Times, and Registration Links

- English: April 27, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1DLq_T84QLufKz8JcuUHSg
- French: April 27, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LXW903nT_qtzKxJL_qOIA

Once on the registration page, the language that is displayed can be modified using the option at the bottom of the web page. Joining a webinar is really simple, using Zoom. All you need is a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device. You can also join by telephone only. We recommend that you join the session at least 5 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

These sessions are offered by the Data Service Centre. Some of the services we offer include:

- assisting data users with simple and complex data requests;
- offering standard and customized workshops for data users of different levels of expertise;
- engaging in outreach activities through webinars, newsletters and presentations.

If you have any questions about these sessions or the Data Service Centre, please feel free to contact us:

Outreach Program / Collection and Regional Services Branch, Statistics Canada / Government of Canada
statcan.westinfo-ouestinfo.statcan@canada.ca

Kinbrace job opportunity - Beyond Refuge Coordinator

The goal of the Beyond Refuge program is to tighten the weave of Canada's social fabric by bringing together, with their strengths, those who are displaced (refugee claimants) with those who are settled (Canadians), moving us beyond stereotypes through the transformative power of relationships.

Closing date: Friday 30 April 2021, 5 pm PDT

Learn More / Apply

<https://kinbrace.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Beyond-Refuge-Coordinator-Job-Posting-Kinbrace-2021-04-12-Final.pdf>



The Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) at the University of British Columbia is seeking applications for an [Administrative and Program Assistant](#).

The expected start date of this part-time (0.7 FTE), 2-year position (with possibility of renewal) is May 2021.

The Administrative and Program Assistant is responsible for managing the day-to-day activities of the CMS in collaboration with and under the direction of the Director and Research Coordinator. This position will support the mission of CMS through programming and outreach and provide complex secretarial and administrative support.

This position requires an individual with a strong work ethic, the ability to liaise and communicate with a diverse constituency, and the capacity to follow through on tasks.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. Please share widely!

Deadline 11:59 PM PT, **April 15, 2021** | [Apply and View Full Job Description Here](#)



- **Canadian Refugee Law - Who does it Protect?** - *Thursday, April 15*

Speaker: Dr. Efrat Arbel (Associate Professor at the Peter Allard School of Law, UBC)

Moderator: Amanda Aziz, Refugee Lawyer

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (PDT)

Organizers/Sponsors: Multi-Agency Partnership BC (MAP) and the UBC Centre for Migration Studies

RSVP Link: Please register [here](#). For more information please visit MAP's website [here](#).

- **Divergent Patterns and Experiences of Integration: Findings about Chinese and Indian Immigrants in Los Angeles, Vancouver, and Singapore** - *Friday, April 16*

Speakers: Dr. Min Zhou (Professor of Sociology and Asian American Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles);

Dr. Shaohua Zhan (Associate Professor of Sociology at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore); Dr. Miu Chung Yan (Professor at the University of British Columbia); Capri Kong (Undergraduate Student of Sociology and Statistics at UBC)

Moderator: Dr. HongXia Shan (Associate Professor in the Department of Education at the University of British Columbia)

Time: 5 PM - 6:30 PM (PDT)

Organizers/Sponsors: Co-organized by the UBC School of Social Work and the UCLA Asia Pacific Center.

This event is co-sponsored by the UBC Centre for Migration Studies and the NTU Division of Sociology

RSVP Link: Please register [here](#). For further details about the event and speakers, **click [here](#)**.

- **Behind the Mythological Curtain: Reception of Greek Tragedy During the Communist Rule in Serbia** - *Wednesday, April 21*

Speaker: Jelena Todorovic (PhD Candidate at the Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies, UBC)

Time: 12:00 PM (PDT)

Organizer/Sponsor: The UBC Interdisciplinary Histories Research Cluster, UBC Centre for Migration Studies, UBC Institute for European Studies and UBC Department of Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies (CENES)

RSVP Link: Please register [here](#). For more information please visit their [website here](#).

More Migration Studies Lectures will be posted in this bulletin next week

MAP's In Focus Lecture Series Presents

Canadian Refugee Law: Who does it protect?



With a special introduction by UBC student, **Astitwa**, this upcoming lecture features **Dr. Arbel** as guest speaker and **Amanda Aziz** as moderator. Dr. Arbel will discuss how legal measures like the Multiple Borders Strategy and the Safe Third Country Agreement restrict access to refugee protection in Canada, and erode the protections that would otherwise be available to refugee claimants under Canadian law. Dr. Arbel will also discuss how access to refugee protection has been further restricted with the onset of COVID-19, and what we may expect when as pandemic measures begin to ease and the Canadian border re-opens.

Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021
Time: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. online via Zoom
Link: <https://bit.ly/3rCCD07>



Speaker:
Dr. Efrat Arbel,
Associate
Professor,
Peter A. Allard Law,
University of British
Columbia



Moderator:
Amanda Aziz,
Immigration and
Refugee Lawyer,
Staff Lawyer with
Migrant Workers'
Centre



REGISTER HERE

“It is an established legal principle that refugees present at or within Canada's borders are entitled to basic protection under Canadian law. Where precisely these borders lie, however, is far from clear. Dr. Arbel will discuss how legal measures like the Multiple Borders Strategy and the Safe Third Country Agreement restrict access to refugee protection in Canada, and erode the protections that would otherwise be available to refugee claimants under Canadian law. Dr. Arbel will also discuss how access to refugee protection has been further restricted with the onset of COVID-19, and what we may expect when as pandemic measures begin to ease and the Canadian border re-opens.”

Dr Efrat Arbel

- Thursday April 15 at 7:00 pm
- Moderator: **Amanda Aziz:** Immigration and Refugee Lawyer and part-time Staff Lawyer with the Migrant Workers Centre
- Speakers: **Dr Efrat Arbel:** Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia Peter A. Allard School of Law. She publishes and teaches in refugee law and prison law.

The topic will be introduced by **Astitwa** who is about to graduate from the Allard School of Law and is looking forward to his articles at BC Prosecution Services.

We expect a lively Q&A and an opportunity to thoroughly explore predictions for the post-pandemic refugee scene.

English Conversation Groups



Posters attached also

Practice and improve your English conversation in a supportive setting. Learn common vocabulary and phrases used at work and in everyday life. *Registrants are encouraged to attend all 6 sessions.*

Dates: Tuesdays: May 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15, 22

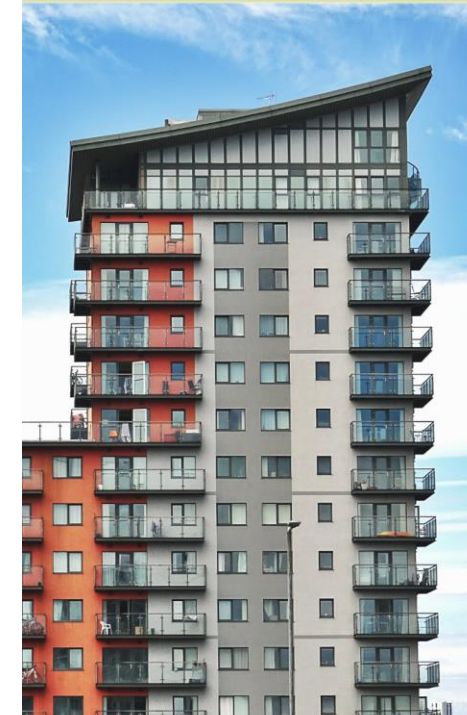
Registration: <http://bit.ly/BCSISRF>

236-808-2323 | 604-900-3532 | bcsis@success.bc.ca
www.successbcsis.com/events

Suitable for foreign workers, PNP nominees, refugee claimants and naturalized citizens.



BC TENANT'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES



Thursday, April 22
2pm-3:30pm
Online Workshop

Do you have questions about the rules around renting in BC? A speaker from the Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre will share crucial information about the rights and obligations tenants have under the Law.

Topics include:
How to protect yourself
Your Rights and Responsibilities
Security Deposits
Illegal Entry
Repairs & Evictions

Register here: <http://bit.ly/BCSISRF>

bcsis@success.bc.ca | www.successbcsis.com/events



S.U.C.C.E.S.S BC Settlement and Integration Services supports international students, foreign workers, PNP nominees, refugee claimants and naturalized citizens.

Dear Community Partner,

In December, we promised some big news, which we're excited to share with you now: as **Surrey and North Delta** work towards becoming a community of [Primary Care Networks \(PCNs\)](#), we are actively engaging with members of our community at all levels, from the Fraser Health Authority, to family physicians, to individuals to community organizations like yours.



We recognize that in order to create a truly holistic, full-spectrum health care system, **we need to work with organizations like yours** to address the many concerns facing our community members that primary care alone cannot solve. We also acknowledge the **vital role community organizations play in helping their clients to navigate the health care system** - especially those clients who may feel unsafe in traditional health care institutions such as hospitals and doctors' offices. For this reason, **we are inviting you to join us** in planning and building our PCN, to partner with us in assessing the needs in our community and working towards meaningful solutions.

What Will This Partnership Look Like?

- We have already begun to [reach out to community organizations](#) for input into our PCN planning. But this is just the first step.
- We are committed to keeping you informed about health care updates in our community, and about our progress with PCN planning, through regular email updates like this one.
- We welcome and will occasionally solicit your feedback regarding the PCN planning. We hope you will take this opportunity to help us understand your clients' needs.
- We envision this partnership as a two-way dialogue between our organization and yours - please reach out at any time with your questions, concerns or suggestions.

We are looking forward to deepening our relationship with your organization and learning from you as we move forward. Below, you'll find some information about an upcoming information session, as well as helpful resources to share with your clients regarding the COVID-19 vaccination.

Jody Friesen,
PCN Director, SND Division of Family Practice
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Join Us: Surrey-North Delta PCN and the Community Moving Forward

Date: Wednesday, April 7

Time: 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Do you want to know more about what the PCN is, how it might impact your clients, and what we have heard so far from the community partners who have shared with us?

This online session will bring together community, family physician and Fraser Health leaders to discuss the issues that were uncovered during our initial discovery phase.

Join us to learn more, and to find out how to become more involved in PCN planning in Surrey-North Delta.

COVID-19 Vaccination: Helpful Resources

Are you or your clients uncertain about the COVID-19 vaccine or unsure about how to book an appointment?

We've created a webpage with trustworthy information about the COVID-19 vaccine, including:

- who is eligible
- how to book an appointment
- additional information for Indigenous individuals
- links to information in multiple languages

The page also includes a [helpful fact sheet](#) and a [printable poster](#) that can be displayed in your office.

[View COVID-19 Webpage](#)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Dear MAP Members and Stakeholders,

Please be advised that a Call for Responses **CFR22-RCH02** has been [posted on BC Bid](#) outlining how to submit a response for the approximately 4.8M Refugee Claimant Housing Fund.

Questions concerning this procurement will be collected and responses posted publicly on BC Bid. Please see the CFR for more information on how to submit an enquiry. We encourage you to review the call documents and submit questions early to assist your preparation of a response. **All questions should be submitted to PROCECON@gov.bc.ca**

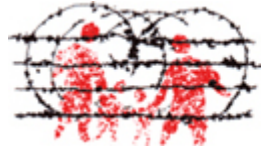
To find the CFR on [BC Bid](#) go to [this link](#) or:

1. Browse for the opportunity under the organization “Ministry of Municipal Affairs” and click on the link.
2. Go to the folder “Supplier Attachments Exist” to download the documents.

For more information and resources on participating in a procurement process, please see the resources at [this link](#).

Thank you,

Immigrant Integration Unit
Ministry of Municipal Affairs



Conseil canadien pour les réfugiés
Canadian Council for Refugees

For CCR Members only

CCR will be holding a virtual meeting on issues for refugee claimants on **Tuesday 4 May** - one of our regular quarterly meetings.

Virtual meeting on refugee claimants

When: Tuesday 4 May 2021 11am Pacific

The meeting will last 60 minutes.

Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltf-uhqjMuGN0KhEuxhBAd4AEUZjjdwV9T>

Janet Dench

Hi Everyone,

Thank you again for your assistance in sharing our [Making a Refugee Claim in Canada](#) survey!

To allow for more responses, our team will be extending the duration of this survey to **Friday, April 16**. We wanted to ask if you could kindly remind your networks to complete the form before then, please?

Here are the links to the survey again, in English and in French:

English Survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJ0n4EkVggrZieisfRtjh947j-Jo8IP7MlfXvWgm19TCIu5Q/viewform>

French Survey:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJ-m-hTYIPWR8wLFsOMNJg4sTnNWxwdbPETPWINFwMxNJJ2A/viewform>

We appreciate your continued support with this initiative!

Take care!

Sabrina Gill

Communications and Public Outreach Intern

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