



**MAP** Multi-Agency  
Partnership BC  
*Working Together for Refugee Claimants*

# MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 98

September 29, 2021

## 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. 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](mailto:info@mapbc.org).

## MAP NEWS

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**Reminder:** The **pandemic border ban continues to be in effect**. Anyone who attempts to cross and make a refugee claim in between official ports of entry will be subject to direct back – i.e. they will be returned to the US with a paper saying that they will be able to return later to pursue their claim, with no indication of when they will be allowed to return. (CCR/Sept 28)

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**MAP's IN FOCUS #3: AFGHANS IN SEARCH OF A HOME:** crisis awareness and welcoming refugees to a brighter future.

Tuesday October 5, 7pm online - register [here](#)

An update on life in Afghanistan under Taliban rule – how are we doing here in BC that Afghan families reuniting after the violent upheaval.

**All Afghan-Canadian speaker/host roster:**

**Moderator Zarghoona Wakil (MOSAIC)**

**Froozan Jooya (Beacon of Hope for Afghan Children)**

**Fatima Haidari (VAST)**

**Gulalai Habib (Burnaby Neighbourhood House)**



**NEW! Backgrounders available for pre-event reading**

[here](#)

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**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!



Immigration and  
Refugee Board of Canada

Commission de l'immigration  
et du statut de réfugié du Canada

Dear stakeholders,

As you are aware, September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the new federal statutory holiday. Accordingly, please note that all Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) offices will be closed on that day. The IRB's regular business hours will resume on Friday, October 1, 2021.

Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you,

Richard Wex  
Chairperson  
Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada

**In this Virtual Information Session, Dr. Danièle Behn-Smith, Deputy Provincial Health Officer – Indigenous Health, and Dr. Kate Jongbloed, Health Systems Impact Fellow – Ministry of Health, will provide a comprehensive overview of the new proof of vaccination requirement.**

British Columbia's Provincial Health Officer has announced that proof of vaccination will be required to access many events, services, and businesses. Starting September 13, individuals must have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. By October 24, individuals must be fully vaccinated. In order to demonstrate proof of vaccination, individuals must present a B.C. Vaccine Card.

It is essential for all B.C. residents and visitors to understand this new regulation and the B.C. Vaccine Card registration process as quickly as possible. It is especially important for BCSIS Settlement Workers to understand the requirements, as many clients are likely to need support through the registration process.

This session will offer a clear explanation of why this mandate is coming into effect, key vaccination dates, information on the B.C. Vaccine Card registration process and how to prepare, and requirements for visitors and for those vaccinated outside of the province.

**QUESTIONS? Send an email to Rebecca at**  
[rferguson@amssa.org](mailto:rferguson@amssa.org)

# #EVERY SHOT MATTERS VACCINATION CAMPAIGN – OPTIONS COMMUNITY SERVICES (Multilingual posters attached)

Options Community Services is pleased to share our **#Every Shot Matters** vaccination campaign materials.

The purpose of the campaign is to dispel misinformation and to help increase vaccine confidence through language-specific, culturally-sensitive messaging which targets underserved / disproportionately impacted newcomer communities, in particular Arabic, Spanish and Somali communities in the Fraser Health Region.

Your support will play a huge role in protecting our community, friends, family and loved ones by sharing the [#EveryShot Matters campaign promotional materials](#) and videos with your clients, friends, families, next door neighbors, colleagues and social networks. Thank you for helping increase vaccine uptake and keeping everyone safe!!

Attached are a few sample posters, you can find more via the Google Drive links below.

Questions? Please contact me at [lucas.ho@options.bc.ca](mailto:lucas.ho@options.bc.ca)

## **Arabic:**

- Video: [Every Shot Matters – الدكتور ياسر الاعرجي \(Dr. Yassir Al-Araji\) \(YouTube\)](#)
- [Arabic: Every Shot Matters – Promotional materials \(Google Drive\)](#)

## **Spanish:**

- Video 1: [Every Shot Matters – Consules latinoamericanos \(Latin American Consuls\) \(YouTube\)](#)
- Video 2: [Every Shot Matters – Lideres religiosos latinoamericanos \(Latin American Faith Leaders\) \(Youtube\)](#)
- [Spanish: Every Shot Matters – Promotional materials \(Google Drive\)](#)

## **Somali:**

- Video: [Every Shot Matters – Mohamed Egeh \(YouTube\)](#)
- [Somali: Every Shot Matters – Promotional materials \(Google Drive\)](#)

For more information about this campaign, please visit our Facebook page: [Options Community Services | Facebook](#)



## ***Do your clients need help to get a Vaccine Card?***

With thanks to FV MAP we have been permitted to share this resource about obtaining a BC Vaccine Card

**PLEASE FIND PDF ATTACHED ALSO**



*The Fraser Valley Multi-Agency Partnership acts as a collective, facilitating networking and information sharing among relevant stakeholders.*

### **Helpful Resources:**

#### ***BC Vaccine Card***

Website: [General Information](#)

Phone Number: Call: 1-833-838-2323 | Translators are available

- Client must be present during the phone call
- Seven days a week, 7 am to 7 pm (PDT)
- Statutory holidays, 9 am to 5 pm (PDT)
- Telephone for the Deaf: Dial 711
- Video Relay Services (VRS) provides sign language interpretation free for registered deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired people.

#### ***Submitting International Covid-19 Immunization Records***

Website: [COVID-19 Immunization Record](#)

#### ***Get Vaccinated BC***

Website: [Register to Vaccinate](#)

Phone Number: 1-833-838-2323 (toll-free)

#### ***Health Gateway BC***

Website: [Health Gateway](#)

E-mail: [healthgateway@gov.bc.ca](mailto:healthgateway@gov.bc.ca)

#### ***BC Online Access to Services Card***

Website: [Setting Up a Mobile Card](#)

#### ***A Human Rights Approach to Proof of Vaccination during the COVID-19 Pandemic – Policy Guidance 2021***

Website: [BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner](#)

#### ***Information for Clients Who Received Non-Health Canada Approved Vaccines***

Website: [Government of Canada - COVID-19 Guidance Documents](#)



MAP's In Focus Lecture Series Presents:

# AFGHANS IN SEARCH OF A HOME

Crisis Awareness & Welcoming Refugees to a Brighter Future

Tuesday October 5th, 7:00 PM

Register online:  
[bit.ly/3zWaZjY](https://bit.ly/3zWaZjY)

Questions? Email:  
[info@mapbc.org](mailto:info@mapbc.org)

Join our host **Zarghoona Wakil** from MOSAIC in conversation with:

**Froozan Jooya** - Beacon of Hope for Afghan Children

**Gulalai Habib** - Burnaby Neighbourhood House

**Fatima Haidari** - VAST

Register now to learn about the current situation in Afghanistan and what is needed to provide a welcome to Afghan refugees as they arrive in Canada.



MAP's In Focus Lecture series presents an all Afghan-Canadian panel and host to discuss the ongoing crisis in Afghanistan and Canada's responses.

Pose your questions to the speakers:



HOST:  
Zarghoona  
Wakil:  
MOSAIC



Froozan  
Jooya:  
Beacon of  
Hope for  
Afghan  
Children



Fatima  
Haidari:  
VAST



Gulalai Habib:  
Burnaby  
Neighborhood House

[More info here](#)

**REGISTER**

**BC4Afghans** is a phenomenal organization that has quickly mobilized to support Afghan newcomers here in BC.

**BC4Afghans** is looking for a **volunteer Logistics Coordinator** that will report to the Volunteer Coordinator. The description of the volunteer position is attached. Interested candidates can email [bc4afghans@gmail.com](mailto:bc4afghans@gmail.com). At a high-level, the Logistics Coordinator will essentially help search for specific items for the Afghan newcomers. The Logistics Coordinator will then use a roster of volunteer drivers to organize the pick-up and delivery of those items to a designated donation centre.

We are also looking for a safe space (i.e. a warehouse, general facility, or garage, etc.) to store and distribute donations that have been collected for the Afghan newcomers. I am looking for a location that can be easily accessible by a select group of volunteers at any time. A location in Surrey would be ideal, but a location in Vancouver or Richmond would be great. BC4Afghans is also in need of volunteers to help the Afghan newcomers (e.g., drive them to appointments, etc.

**Please contact us at:**

BC4Afghans' email address [bc4afghans@gmail.com](mailto:bc4afghans@gmail.com)

BC4Afghans' instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/bc4afghans/>

BC4Afghans' link tree <https://linktr.ee/bc4afghans>



**VOLUNTEER  
POSITION  
DESCRIPTION  
ATTACHED**



# Circles of Care and Connection Early Years Refugee Program



## Help us to make a difference in the lives of newly arrived refugee children and their families in Vancouver and North Vancouver

The **Circles of Care and Connection** is a unique, FREE program which offers home visiting services to the most marginalized refugee families with children ages zero to six years old.

Eligible Families for the Home Visiting Program include:

- Government Assisted Refugees
- Sponsored Refugees (privately and/or jointly sponsored)
- Accepted refugee claimants
- Our services focus on:
  - Early Childhood Development
  - Positive Parenting in a Canadian Context
  - Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness
  - Identifying basic needs of children and family, and bridging them to local, community services
  - Assisting parents with stress management and negotiating government programs
- Being part of our Home Visiting/Outreach Program, families will have the opportunity to participate in:
  - Welcome to Canada and Family Drop-In Program
  - Community Outings
  - Yearly Special Event Celebrations
  - Parent Education and Specialized Workshops

Our home visiting service makes significant changes in refugee children's lives and the lives of their parents. We see the children get healthier, happier and better prepared for school. Additionally, we witness the gradual improvement and adjustment of the families to Canadian culture. In this sense, our program is preventative and helps to improve the quality of life for refugee children and their families settled in Vancouver and North Vancouver.

*For more information or to request a referral form, please contact the Program Manager, Theresa Tang at [theresa.mpfcs@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.mpfcs@gmail.com) or 778-372-6552.*

**Circles of Care and Connection Program**  
ISS Welcome Centre, 2610 Victoria Drive  
Vancouver BC V5N 4L2 Tel: 778-372-6552 Website: [www.mpfamilycentre.ca](http://www.mpfamilycentre.ca)

**Burnaby  
Neighbourhood House  
presents:**

**LYNN'S COOKING  
CONNECTION**

**Community Kitchen  
Sessions** with a focus on  
connection through  
cooking and chat to  
break social isolation.

Thursday and Friday  
groups

For registration and  
more information,  
please contact Lynn at:  
[kitchens@burnabynh.ca](mailto:kitchens@burnabynh.ca)

**POSTERS ATTACHED**

**Settlement & Integration Program**

Burnaby Neighbourhood House located on the traditional unceded territories of Coast Salish Nations



**COOK AND CHAT!**

**THURSDAYS  
10 AM - 12 NOON**

**Free weekly cooking group via Zoom**

- learn to cook new foods including healthy Canadian dishes
- meet new friends and practice English
- receive recipes each week by email


**Benefits:**

- taste new foods
- learn about other cultures
- get support with new recipes
- cook from the comfort of your own kitchen
- discover how to save money on groceries

To join Lynn's Cooking Connection group, contact Lynn:  
[kitchens@burnabynh.ca](mailto:kitchens@burnabynh.ca)  
or call Lynn at 604-431-0400 to leave a message

**WWW.BURNABYNH.CA**

The Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a Charitable Non-Profit Organization. We are a volunteer driven community-funded agency with a unique focus on Neighbours supporting Neighbours.

 4460 Beresford Street  
Burnaby, BC V5H 0B8  
(In front of Metrotown Skytrain)  
(604)431-0400

Funded by:  Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada  
 Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Try new recipes while connecting with others via Zoom

**Cook + Chat**

Fridays 10 am - 12 noon

Free program for BNH members

To register for Lynn's Cooking Connection, please email Lynn at [kitchens@burnabynh.ca](mailto:kitchens@burnabynh.ca) or call her at 604-431-0400

Recipes will be emailed to you weekly



Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tseil'wautem (salilwataḥ), Kwikwetem (k'w'k'w'etem), Squamish (Sgwgwəḥ mesh (xw'mixw) and Musqueam (məlk'wəyem) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

**This Fall, PeaceGeeks' #Giveitup4Peace** fundraising campaign is giving back to the community. We're partnering with tech companies like Microsoft, Unbounce, Traction on Demand, Eastside Games to engage their employees to meet with newcomers. In addition to making a donation to help sustain PeaceGeeks' work building digital tools for newcomers, employees at these companies will become virtual neighbours and participate in a 1-time, 1-hour, 1-on-1 video chat with a newcomer!

PeaceGeeks will take care of matching newcomers to a virtual neighbour and provide multilingual conversation prompts to help prepare newcomers for the chat, whether it's about careers, life in Canada, or just chatting to practice English. We are asking community partners like you to pass along this opportunity to the newcomers you work with, of any immigration status. For your convenience, here's a blurb with the website for the bulletin:

Interested in making connections with a virtual neighbour? Sign up for PeaceGeeks' #GiveitUp4Peace campaign and get matched with an employee from one of many local companies like Microsoft, Unbounce, Traction on Demand, and Eastside Games. In just a one hour 1-on-1 video call, you'll be able to learn tips about your new community, practice English, gain career insights, or share your story. Any immigration status is welcome. Learn more and sign up at:

<https://www.giveitup4peace.org/newcomers>

As always, thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions about this initiative, please reach out to our Digital Fundraising Intern, Lema Ghailan, at [lema@peacegeeks.org](mailto:lema@peacegeeks.org).



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Centre for Community Engaged Learning

A graphic with a white border containing the text 'COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT FUND' in large, bold, white capital letters. The background of the graphic is an aerial view of a university campus with green lawns and buildings.

# COMMUNITY- UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT FUND

## Apply for UBC's Community-University Engagement Support (CUES) Fund

UBC's Community-University Engagement Support (CUES) Fund is a grant which provides funding for eligible community organizations in BC to build partnerships and pursue shared projects with faculty, staff and students at the UBC. This grant, provided by [UBC Community Engagement office](#), will support collaborative research, knowledge exchange, and teaching and learning projects that benefit communities across the province. A total of \$500,000 is available for the 2021/2022 intake, paid directly to community partners.

Key dates:

- Submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) before **October 14, 2021**.
- Prepare a full application, deadline **January 18, 2022**.

[Download the Applicant Guide](#) to learn more about the fund and how to apply. If you have any questions, please email at [community.engagement@ubc.ca](mailto:community.engagement@ubc.ca).

[Learn more](#)



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Centre for Community Engaged Learning

**Call for Volunteering Opportunities for Students for the Fall/Winter Semester**

Do you have a paid or volunteer opportunity to share with students? The new semester has started, and students are looking for volunteer opportunities to gain skills, experiences, and connections to complement their academic courses.

If your organization is looking for volunteers or interns, we'd like to help spread the word about these opportunities! There are three ways to do this:

1. Post on [CareersOnline](#)
2. Fill out [Volunteer Opportunity Form](#)
3. [Email](#) the following items to CCEL:

- Title of the position
- Key responsibilities
- Time commitment
- Skills required
- In-person, virtual or hybrid
- Method of application
- Deadline (if any)

If you have any questions or concerns, please send us an email at [community.learning@ubc.ca](mailto:community.learning@ubc.ca).



## CALL FOR CITY OF VANCOUVER 2022 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications are now being accepted for the following City of Vancouver fall grant programs:

Notice also attached

<p><b>Core Support Grants (CSG)</b></p> <p><i>Formerly Direct Social Services (DSS) &amp; Organizational Capacity Building (OCB)</i></p> <p>Core Support Grants provide funding that addresses inequity and mitigates conditions that create vulnerability for residents of Vancouver</p>	<p><b>Application Deadline: Friday, October 22, 2021 at 4:30 PM.</b></p> <p>Find Out More <a href="#">HERE</a> and in the attached notice</p> <p><b>Contact Info:</b> <a href="mailto:socialpolicygrants@vancouver.ca">socialpolicygrants@vancouver.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Renter Services Grants (RSG)</b></p> <p>The Renter Services grants support non-profit community-based programs that assist and empower Vancouver renters to understand their rights, pursue their rights, and maintain or secure their housing.</p>	<p><b>Application Deadline: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at Midnight</b></p> <p>Find Out More <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p><b>Contact Info:</b> <a href="mailto:renteroffice@vancouver.ca">renteroffice@vancouver.ca</a></p>

### Information Sessions

On-line info sessions will provide an opportunity for applicants to learn more about the Renter Services and Core Support Grants and ask questions. Please join us on one of these dates:

**Session 1: Wednesday, September 22th, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Session 2: Wednesday, September 29th, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

Register by emailing Lanny Libby at [lanny.libby@vancouver.ca](mailto:lanny.libby@vancouver.ca)

CCR, CRS and CARFMS collaborated a few years ago to develop a series of documents related to ethics in research with refugees. They are available here:

<https://ccrweb.ca/en/ethical-considerations-research>

<https://ccrweb.ca/fr/considerations-ethique-recherche>

IASFM has also adopted a [Code of Ethics](#).

There is additional funding for a professional translation of the "[Your Rights in Research](#)" into two additional languages. It is already available in: Arabic, Dari, English, Farsi, French, Pashto, Somali, Spanish & Swahili. If you think this document would be a useful resource in your work and would like it translated into other languages, please let me know.

Warm regards,

CHRISTINA CLARK-KAZAK, DPhil

Associate Professor / Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

Université d'Ottawa / University of Ottawa

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# REPEATS

**Settlement & Integration Program**

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**CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP TEST PREPARATION WORKSHOP**

Join us for a four-day workshop on how to prepare for Canadian Citizenship test

**Interactive and informative sessions!**

**Session 1- History of Canada** (Wed.) Oct 6, 2021 @ 11am- 12:30pm  
**Session 2- Geographical Regions** (Thurs.) Oct 7, 2021 @ 11am- 12:30pm  
**Session 3- Canada's Government** (Wed.) Oct 13, 2021 @ 11am- 12:30pm  
**Session 4- Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens** (Thurs.) Oct 14, 2021 @ 11am- 12:30pm

These workshops will be in English with Arabic language support.

A Permanent Resident (PR) card number is required to register. A Zoom link and password to join the session will be sent by email.

**To register contact:**  
English/Arabic: [sihamaa@burnabynh.ca](mailto:sihamaa@burnabynh.ca) #236 877 2517  
English/Tagalog: [avelinad@burnabynh.ca](mailto:avelinad@burnabynh.ca) #236 889 4065

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## Burnaby Neighbourhood House

Preparation workshops for the Canadian Citizenship Test in English with interpretation in Arabic in October.

For more information please contact:

- Blenn (Avelina) at [AvelinaD@burnabynh.ca](mailto:AvelinaD@burnabynh.ca) and/or
- Sihma at [SihamaA@burnabynh.ca](mailto:SihamaA@burnabynh.ca)

Poster also attached



# Two Weeks from Today is the Ride for Refuge 2021! It's not too late to join us in supporting refugees



Would you join us as a Captain or participant?

The Ride for Refuge takes place across Canada on October 2, with the goal of raising 2 million for 80 charities who care for those who are displaced, exploited, persecuted, and abused.

We are there to welcome, house, help settle, and build community with refugee claimants fleeing from danger and persecution.

You will have heard of what is happening in Afghanistan, of the heartache and danger occurring there. This has touched the lives of dozens of Afghan Families who are part of our community and we have done our best to there for them during these challenging days.

The sad reality is Afghan's realities are similar to other tragedies happening in our broken world. We can do something about this.

**We can Be The Welcome families need when they arrive.**

**[REGISTER](#)**

ONLINE WORKSHOP  
For International Students



## Pathways to Permanent Residency for International Students

Thursday, October 7th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Workshop on ZOOM (phone or computer)

- Are you an international student looking to stay longer in Canada after your studies? This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the ways you could achieve that and get your questions answered!
- Guest speakers: Will Tao, Immigration Lawyer  
Harmit Sarai, Immigration Lawyer

To Register: Email [gdelapaz@mosaicbc.org](mailto:gdelapaz@mosaicbc.org)



*We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.*

We are excited to announce that Refugee Settlement and Integration program at MOSAIC will be hosting a FREE online webinar “Pathways to Permanent Residency for International Students” on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. We are hoping to provide the wider community of international students with most-updated accelerated pathways to becoming Canadian permanent residents.

The training will be offered virtually via ZOOM.

The session is free, but registration is required. To register, please email [gdelapaz@mosaicbc.org](mailto:gdelapaz@mosaicbc.org)

Please share widely with your clients and your networks who may benefit from this session.

As always, thank-you for your interest in MOSAIC events.

Poster in PDF Attached





## Program offerings from PIRS

- Community English Classes for Immigrant and Refugee Women: <https://pirs.bc.ca/programs-services/english-language-learning/>
- Women Leadership and Development programs: <https://pirs.bc.ca/programs-services/womens-development/>
- Home Visiting for Refugee Families: <https://pirs.bc.ca/programs-services/childrens-programs/>
- Outreach Support (Spanish, Mandarin, Arabic, French, Farsi, Dari, Pashto): <https://pirs.bc.ca/programs-services/outreach-support/>

All current program flyers: <https://pirs.bc.ca/resources/program-flyers/>

Program calendar: <https://pirs.bc.ca/events/>

**PLEASE FIND FLYERS ATTACHED**

### Anastasia Gaisenok

Programs Manager, Pacific Immigrant Resources Society  
 (604) 298-5888 ext. 803 | Direct: (778) 608-4085  
[agaisenok@pirs.bc.ca](mailto:agaisenok@pirs.bc.ca)



**Building Bridges**

FREE 20 week program  
 January 19 - June 15, 2022  
 Wednesdays  
 6-8:30 PM\*

**PROGRAM FOCUS:**

- Setting and achieving professional and personal development goals
- Building healthy self-esteem and self-confidence
- Public speaking presentation, and group facilitation
- Effective communication
- Small project development and management
- Event planning and coordination
- Building connections and networking

This program welcomes skilled immigrant and refugee women with intermediate English, who are interested in personal/professional development and want to increase their employability by learning and practicing fundamental soft skills and networking opportunities.

**ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION:**  
 January 5th, 2022 | 6-7 PM  
**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:**  
**CONTACT:** Sandra Habib  
 Email: shabib@pirs.bc.ca | Phone: (778) 608-4118



**Leadership Education and Development - LEAD**

FREE 15 week program  
 October 5th, 2021 - February 1st, 2022

2 sessions per week\*  
 Tues & Thurs  
 12:30-3:30 PM

**PROGRAM TOPICS:**

- Self awareness, knowing your values, interests, strengths, and resilience
- Stress management and self-care
- Effective communication and harmony
- Developing meaningful connections with peers and mentors
- Work/Volunteer readiness and opportunities

This program welcomes newcomer women with lower intermediate English and an interest in self-development, community based leadership skills, and access to information and resources about job-readiness, higher education and training

**ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION:**  
 September 23rd | 12:30-1:30 PM  
**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:**  
**CONTACT:** Sandra Habib  
 Email: shabib@pirs.bc.ca | Phone: (778) 608-4118



**Early Years Home Visiting Program**

Sept 2021 to July 2022  
 English & Arabic  
 French

**Sessions include:**

- Facilitator-led Early Learning circle time and activities for your child
- Guided parent-child activities
- One-to-one parenting discussion

An Early Learning one-to-one home visiting program for refugee families of any status with children 0-5 years old (in-person and online). Families receive parental support and access to community resources and services.

**CONTACT: Saoud Ghomari**  
 Email: sghomari@pirs.bc.ca | Phone: (778) 608-4118

For more info visit <https://pirs.bc.ca/programs-services/childrens-programs/>





THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Centre for Student Involvement & Careers

## **Register for UBC Career Day 2021 Virtual Fair**

Interested in hiring UBC talent? Showcase your organization's full-time/part-time/Co-op/volunteer opportunities by registering for **UBC Career Day!**

This event will take place on the **Symplicity (CareersOnline)** platform where you'll be able to host either 1-on-1 sessions with attendees or group sessions, using the video conferencing platform of your choice.

### **EVENT DETAILS**

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 9th

**TIME:** 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (PDT)

**WHERE:** Symplicity virtual fair platform on UBC CareersOnline

**REGISTRATION:** Register by **September 30** on [CareersOnline](#) for the Early Bird Rate!

**EXHIBITOR PACKAGES:** View the full list of exhibitor packages [here](#).

 **Questions?** Please feel free to reach out to [career.days@ubc.ca](mailto:career.days@ubc.ca). Feel free to check out our [Common FAQs](#) as well.

**Register [here](#). We look forward to "seeing" you at the virtual fair!**



Refugee Research Network

- **RRN Research Digest -  
September 16, 2021**

[Read Digest on Website](#)

The RRN digest is issued bi-weekly to highlight the latest academic and non-academic resources on Refugees and forced migrants. We encourage readers to [email us](#) any articles, reports, or research related to refugee/forced migration studies to be considered in the forthcoming editions. Open-access versions are always a preference