



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

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Hello BCSIS Service Providers,



We invite you to register for the new BCSIS E-learning module Employment-Related Supports and Inter-Agency Referrals for Immigrant Clients (Part 1), which is now available through the AMSSA Institute.

Newcomer clients seeking employment have unique needs and often require services from multiple organizations. However, they can face challenges navigating the complex network of services. This training offers guidance on service delivery approach and best practices. Topics include:

- Cultural impact on attitudes towards employment and career development
- Newcomers and the importance of work
- Fundamental best practices for successful referrals
- Ways to establish and maintain client trust
- Client needs assessment in the context of referrals
- The importance of building and maintaining knowledge of services in order to provide appropriate referrals

Module #6 is the first of two companion modules that guide effective supports, service delivery and interagency collaboration. The topic will be continued in Module #7, scheduled to launch at the end of March.

The free online workshop requires approximately 90 minutes for the learner to complete. It's asynchronous, self-paced and can be taken at the learner's convenience, by individuals or in a group, for example at a staff meeting. It's great for onboarding new staff. Learners receive a Certificate of Completion once they have completed all sections, quizzes and the evaluation. Here is the link for registration:

<https://institute.amssa.org/courses/employment-related-supports-and-inter-agency-referrals-for-immigrant-clients-part-1>

Questions? Please contact:

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LAST REMINDER! It's time to elect a new MAP Co-chair



MAP Co-chairs serve for two years. Nominations are now being accepted for a new co-chair to be elected at the February 27 MAP meeting. If you, or someone you would like to nominate is interested, here's how to get involved:

How to apply, or nominate someone else, to be a MAP Co-Chair

- If someone else – get permission! And make sure the candidate has authorization from their superior to dedicate a number of hours per month to MAP.
- Send an email to MAP (info@mapbc.org) **before midnight on February 13th** stating that _____ wants to be considered as co-chair
- Provide information / experience to illustrate how the candidate fits the expectations of the MAP Co-chair position and why they want the role.
- MAP will circulate co-chair applications to members with the February MAP meeting agenda.
- The new co-chair will be acclaimed, or elected at the February 27 MAP meeting.
- The new co-chair will shadow the outgoing co-chair until she retires in June.

LAST REMINDER!

NEW Advisory Committee – MAP/MOSAIC Housing Referral and Data Management Project

Following the acquisition of \$1.2 m funding for the collaborative housing referral project for refugee claimants and the appointment of MOSAIC as lead agency in collaboration with MAP members, the project invites nominations to the Advisory Committee who will provide expertise and drive the initiative. *How to nominate yourself or someone else to be a member:*

Members are invited to join in the following voting categories:

- Housing specialists: Shelter representative
- IT Systems Advisor
- Settlement agencies (including both BCSIS Stream B agencies)
- Person with lived refugee claimant experience

Plus the following non-voting members:

- Government representative (s): CBSA, IRCC, MJEDC

Nominees:

- *Attend monthly meetings and respond promptly to emails*
- *Be prepared to provide their expertise when needed*
- *Obtain authorization from their agency to dedicate time to the Advisory Committee.*

- Email MAP (info@mapbc.org) stating your desire to join, or nominating someone else, how you would contribute to the Committee within the categories listed, and that you can meet the expectations.
- The nomination must reach MAP NO LATER than midnight **February 13** (a reminder with these guidelines will be sent out)
- MAP co-chairs and MOSAIC will consider the applications, recommend to MAP membership who will make a final decision at the February MAP meeting: **Thursday Feb 27.**
- Questions? contact Jenny (MAP) or Alexandra (MOSAIC)

THANK YOU!

JOB OPPORTUNITY



MOSAIC Refugee Settlement and Integration Program is looking for a Coordinator of Refugee Claimants Housing Management and Referral. We would like to share this job posting with you, and please find details in the link: https://www.mosaicbc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Job-posting_Coordinator-of-RC-Housing-Management-and-Referral--Jan2020.pdf

This is a full time position with starting hourly rate range from \$ 25.16 to \$26.69 (depending on qualifications and experience), and **it's an ongoing position until a suitable candidate is found.**

Questions? Please contact: Tracy Tang

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First Aid training for refugee claimants will take place at MOSAIC Surrey office from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm - February 15.

- Spanish speaking instructor provided
- Spaces are limited, registration required
- Made possible by the Government of British Columbia.

Please don't hesitate to contact Kuol at 604 254-9626 or via email at kbiong@mosaicbc.org if you have any questions.

First Aid Training for Refugee Claimants

Saturday February 15, 2020

9:00 am—5:30 pm

MOSAIC 200 — 7134 King George Blvd, Surrey BC

- FREE Training: Receive a Certificate
- Occupational First Aid Level 1
- Highly valued by Canadian employers in many industries
- Training in English/Spanish

Contact Kuol at (604) 254-9626 or kbiong@mosaicbc.org



Participate in the Canadian Council for Refugees Working Group meetings in Toronto, 28-29 February 2020.

Do you want to be part of efforts to promote rights for refugees? Want to participate in in-depth discussions on pressing issues affecting refugees and immigrants in Canada? Looking for an opportunity to share information and strategies with others from across Canada?

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2020

9:30am - 5pm: [Inland Protection Working Group](#) meeting

SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2020

9:30am - 5pm: [Overseas Protection & Resettlement Working Group](#) meeting

9:30am - 5pm: [Immigration and Settlement Working Group](#) meeting

Participation and registration: Anyone interested in issues affecting refugees and newcomers to Canada is welcome to participate, especially [CCR members](#); however the meetings are closed to media and government employees. It is free to participate and no registration is required. Lunch is not provided.

Location and how to get there:

All meetings take place at the Salvation Army, 160 Jarvis St., Toronto [Click here](#) for a map of the area.

Draft agendas for the meeting will be available on the [Working Group webpages](#) for [logged-in CCR members](#) and will also be sent out by email.

Can't be in Toronto? Join us for a virtual meeting in advance!

The CCR will be holding a virtual meeting for [CCR members](#) in English on Tuesday 25 February at 2pm Eastern, for those unable to participate in the CCR Working Group meetings in person. [Register online for the English-language virtual meeting.](#)

For logistic questions, contact Chitra Ramsum at cramsum@ccrweb.ca or at (514) 277-7223 ext. 0
For any other questions, contact Sandra Gasana at sgasana@ccrweb.ca or at (514) 277 -7223 ext. 5.

Events going on in Burnaby this month...



STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Entrepreneurship for Newcomers 2020



FREE full day conference on starting your own business

- Learn about successes and challenges from a variety of entrepreneurs
- Start and grow a business in Canada
- Receive advice from experts

Date: February 12, 2020 | Time: 8:10 – 2:30 pm
 Location: Ismaili Centre - 4010 Canada Way, Burnaby

Light breakfast and lunch will be served

Please register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EmploymentForum2020>



BURNABY TOGETHER?

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

What do you really think?
 Join a provocative forum on how communities are changing

What now?
 Share your views on the impact of global migration to Burnaby

Date: February 26, 2020
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location: Burnaby Neighbourhood House
 4460 Beresford St., Burnaby, BC
 (beside Metrotown Skytrain Station)

PLANNED BY: BURNABY TOGETHER

PARENTING LEARNING EVENT 2020

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020 | 8:30 AM - 4 PM
 BYRNE CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
 BURNABY, BC

RETOOL . RECONNECT . RECHARGE .

A day dedicated to learning about the mental and physical well-being of children. Topics of expert presentations include school/home life balance, understanding anxiety and brain development, nutrition for thriving bodies, smart screen habits and parenting with Indigenous perspective.

Registration includes:

- 2 plenary and 5 sessions of evidence-based information and practical tips presented by experts,
- displays and contacts for community resources and services,
- snacks and a healthy lunch, and
- low-cost on-site child-minding, if required

SAVE WITH EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Space is limited, book before Jan.31st

\$75 for 1 registration
\$125 for 2 registrations

- RETOOL with new ideas and practical tips for everyday parenting decision
- RECONNECT with community resources for families, and with other parents
- RECHARGE with more knowledge and more confidence

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YOUTH VOLUNTEERS!

Eric Hamber Secondary School Work Experience Program wants to place two students that are interested in volunteering with organizations that support refugees. Both students are exploring career paths that will allow them to support immigrants and refugees. Typically, our students are placed at an organization in areas of their career interests, for between 40 - 90 hours total either after school (or weekends) or during the school's winter, spring, or summer breaks during the day.

Interested? Please contact:

Edna James, Work Experience Coordinator

Eric Hamber Secondary School

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Telephone: 604-713-8927 <http://hamber.vsb.bc.ca/>

NOTE: Only agencies with WorkSafe BC affiliation can apply

To learn more about the Work Experience Program click:

Program Information

WORKSAFE BC

Employers must have WorkSafe BC coverage. The Ministry of Education provides WorkSafe BC coverage for all students during the dates and hours stated on the Work Education Agreement.

INSURANCE

The Vancouver School Board maintains the liability insurance with respect to its liability and that of student workers involved in this program.

REMUNERATION

There is no expectation that students on work experience will be paid. Honorarium are acceptable when warranted.

PROCEDURES REGARDING INJURY AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION

1. The **student** must report any injury immediately to a supervisor/employer.
2. It is the responsibility of the **employer** to:
 - » Follow the same procedure that is followed for injured employees regarding first aid, hospitalization, etc.
 - » Immediately report injury to the Vancouver School Board school-based Work Experience Teacher at contact number listed on the Work Education Agreement.
 - » Communicate to the Vancouver School Board school-based Work Experience teacher first aid administered to the student on site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vancouver School Board

Career Programs

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