



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 130

June 1, 2022

Dear MAP members,

How are you doing? Three years into the pandemic this question is even more important and one that MAP will 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 if you have information that you would like to share with MAP please email info@mapbc.org.

FULL WORLD REFUGEE DAY NEWS!

We now have more details on our three 2022 World Refugee Day events that we invite you to actively participate in – bring your news and services to share and help us celebrate World Refugee Day this June 20

Here is the image for our June 20, 12pm – 2pm Proclamation and Celebration at MPNH: See more information inside – and thanks to **City of Vancouver** and **Vancouver LIP** for partnering with MAP to celebrate ‘**a new belonging**’ for refugees here.

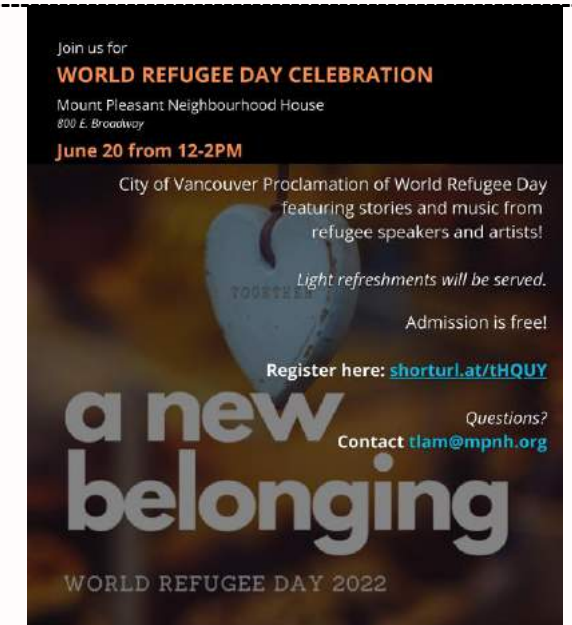
Having difficulties with the IRCC portal?

You're not alone, the portal was down for some days and IRCC have provided us with these resources should you run into trouble:

Representatives can contact IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC@cic.gc.ca regarding any issues with the portal.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/guide-canadian-refugee-protection-portal.html#contact>

Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants
Jenny Lam, Thanh Lam - and the other Jenny!





a new belonging

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2022

A New Belonging – Together

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2022 UPDATES:

- The Shoe Project at Vancouver Library
5 amazing stories from around the world accompanied by santoor.
 - Wednesday June 15, 7pm FREE
 - Register: [here](#)
- June 20: Vancouver City Proclamation at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House
Music, food, friends and special speakers. (Partners: COV & Vancouver LIP)
 - Monday June 20, 12pm – 2pm FREE
 - Register via [Eventbrite](#)
- June 20: Surrey event at Surrey Central Library
Panel discussion, music, refreshments, agency info (Partners: Surrey LIP)
Monday June 20, 4pm – 6pm
Bring the family!

ANNOUNCING FOR MAP AGENCIES!

WORLD REFUGEE DAY EVENT VANCOUVER!!

Be there to represent your agency and celebrate refugee talents and contributions

Agency info welcome! Send digital copy to Amina at amina.osman@jumpstartrefugee.ca and/or bring brochures/business cards with you.

Poster available shortly

Join us for

WORLD REFUGEE DAY CELEBRATION

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House
800 E. Broadway

June 20 from 12-2PM

City of Vancouver Proclamation of World Refugee Day
featuring stories and music from
refugee speakers and artists!

Light refreshments will be served.

Admission is free!

Register here: shorturl.at/tHQUY

Questions?

Contact tiam@mpnh.org

a new
belonging

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2022



World Refugee Day – together in person again!

In partnership with Vancouver Public Library MAP presents **‘The Shoe Project’**

Wednesday June 15 at 7pm (doors open 6:30pm) at the Central Library

5 stories of refugee women from around the world

Music by Saeid Kooshki – on santoor

Poster is attached – please display in your office and share with colleagues and friends

[**REGISTER**](#)



To see the whole newsletter, [click here](#)

Upcoming free webinar

Rights of vulnerable immigrants

 **Thursday, June 16** |  **10:30 AM - 12:30 PM PDT**

This session will focus on two groups of immigrants who are amongst the most vulnerable: migrant workers and victims of family violence. Our speaker, Kamaljit Lehal of Lehal Law will cover the rights and remedies of these immigrants to assist them in escaping abusive workplaces and abusive family relationships. Case scenarios will be provided as examples to illustrate the steps individuals can take to remove themselves from unsafe circumstances and maintain immigration status.

***This session is open to all community workers in BC ***

This session will be recorded.

Click below to register.

Register now!

Missed a live session?

No problem! We have recorded them for you!

Representation agreements



Legal Aid BC 



This webinar focuses on what is a representation agreement, the types of **representation agreements**, considerations for clients hoping to execute one, and what happens when a client cannot execute a representation agreement. Our speaker, Kelly Melnyk discusses capacity assessments and requirements for the different representation agreements, as well as the type of instructions a client can make.

Watch [here](#)

Recorded on: May 12, 2022

Length: 1 hour 50 min

Legal Aid BC Services and free resources



Legal Aid BC 



Our speakers will tell you about Legal Aid BC's free legal advice and representation services. They'll also show you free, plain language and trustworthy legal information resources and tools for a range of topics including child protection, family violence, wills, foreclosure, and criminal law.

Watch [here](#)

Recorded on: May 18, 2022

Length: 1 hour 48 min

Poster attached also

Umbrella Workshops for Health

4. Mental Health for the Arabic-speaking community

It's free! Join us!



What: A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

- Learn about our mental and physical wellbeing
- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Have fun and relax!

When: Thursday Jun 9 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Where: On Zoom please click on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanlxSytWZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872

No registration needed. If you have questions please call Hana 778-788-7340
Event with interpretation to Arabic



Umbrella Workshops for Health

4. Mental Health for the Latin American community

It's free! Join us!



What: A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

- Learn about our mental and physical wellbeing
- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Have fun and relax!

When: Saturday Jun 11 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Where: On Zoom please click on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanlxSytWZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872

No registration needed. If you have questions please call Angelica 778-814-3487
Event is in Spanish



Umbrella Workshops for Health

4. Mental Health for the Tigrinya-speaking community

It's free! Join us!



What: A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

- Learn about our mental and physical wellbeing
- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Have fun and relax!

When: Friday Jun 17 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Where: On Zoom please click on this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanlxSytWZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872

No registration needed. If you have questions please call Selamawit 604-518-7672
Event with interpretation to Tigrinya



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الزمان: الخميس 09-06-2022 من الساعة 5:30 مساء الى الساعة 7:30 مسابا
المكان: على زووم فضلا اضغط على الرابط التالي

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لا داعي للحجز سيتم الترجمة للغة العربية

لذا كنتم لديكم أية أسئلة يرجى الاتصال ب هنا 778-788-7340



Talleres de Salud Umbrella

4. Salud Mental

para la comunidad Latinoamericana

Es gratuito!
Ven y Únete a nosotros!



¿Qué? ¡Un taller para todos!

Vamos a reunirnos para:

- Aprender acerca de nuestra salud mental y física
- Practicar inglés
- Conocer nuevas personas
- Nos relajaremos y divertiremos!

¿Cuándo? Sábado Jun 11 10:30 am a 12:00 pm

¿Dónde? En Zoom por favor presione en este link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82610047938?pwd=QzIKM0p1aU9POEdnK3dkanlxSytWZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1004 7938 Passcode: 612872

No necesita registrarse. Si tiene preguntas por favor comunicarse con Angelica 778-814-3487
Evento en español



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Please see available workshops on mental health in Arabic, Spanish and Tigrinya provided by Umbrella Multicultural Health Coop – posters in PDF attached.



Mental Health & Substance Use Support Workshops

Summer 2022



Mindfulness & Expressive Art

The goal of mindfulness sessions is to support people by providing a space and tools to learn and practice mindfulness as part of stress reduction for anxiety or for people who would like to improve their overall well-being.

Online / 6 sessions
Tuesdays / 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Dates: June 7, 14, 21, 28
July 5, 12

Physical Activity Group (Light Stretch & Movement)

These weekly sessions will have a variety of light movement and stretch exercises to build patient confidence when exercising and stretching on their own in a safe and effective manner.

In-person / 6 sessions
Mondays/ 10:00 - 11:00 pm
Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27
July 4, 11

Life/ Role Transitions

This workshop is designed for people to come together to share their struggles with significant life/role changes such as: change or loss of job, change in relationships (divorce/separation), sudden change in health (medical or mental health), change in lifestyle (e.g. substance use, retirement).

In-person / 6 sessions
Tuesdays / 10:00 - 11:30 am
Dates: June 7, 14, 21, 28
July 5, 12
Follow-up : Aug 9

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)

DBT's main goals are to teach people how to live in the moment, develop healthy ways to cope with stress, regulate their emotions, and improve their relationships with others.

Gain skills that can help you experience your life as worth living – one that is satisfying and one that brings happiness – Lineham.

Online / 7 sessions
Tuesdays / 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Dates: June 28
July 5, 12, 19, 26
Aug 2, 9

For more information please visit www.reachcentre.bc.ca
Spots are limited, register today via email Maddie, Workshop Administrator
MSobhanipoor@reachcentre.bc.ca or call 604-245-3838

REACH Community Health Centre 1145 Commercial Drive Vancouver BC V5L 3X3

We are excited to announce that our next round of Mental Health Workshops is now open for External registration. workshops will be hosted online and In-person. And support is available for those clients/patients/community members who may have difficulty with technology.

1. Mindfulness and Expressive Art (Online)
2. Physical Activity Group (Light Stretch and Movement) (In-person)
3. Life/ Role Transition (In-person)
4. Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) (Online)

Attached is the poster with all of the relevant info, including workshop dates and times, as well as a brief description of each program.

Registration is open to ALL REACH clients/patients and community members. To register someone, please send their name and contact information (phone/email) to MSobhanipoor@reachcentre.bc.ca. If you have any questions you can contact the project assistant Pam & Maddie.



Burnaby LIP / Burnaby Together event

See poster attached in PDF

**EMBRACING EQUITY,
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
IN THE WORKPLACE**

**JUNE 14, 2022
9:00-11:00AM**

Employers from Vancity, Blackbird Interactive, Raymond James, Dillon Consulting and Revera Inc. will be sharing strategies on how to embrace a workplace culture change focused on EDI that support hiring and retention practices for newcomers and racialized communities.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/BIPT61422](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BIPT61422)

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BIPT | **BURNABY INTERCULTURAL PLANNING TABLE**

REPEATS

Job Opportunity at Umbrella Multicultural Health Coop

Cross-Cultural Health Broker with Afghan Community. Full time
(maternity leave coverage – 18 months)
Expected start date: July 18

[See full description attached in PDF](#)



Job Posting: Cross-Cultural Health Broker with Afghan community (Maternity leave coverage, 18 months)

Umbrella Multicultural Health Cooperative is a member-driven, not-for-profit, community health Centre (CHC). Our members are people who face language and cultural barriers accessing health care. Our mission is to provide practical access to affordable and holistic health care services that are appropriate in culture and language for those without access to health security.

We work with a Cross Cultural Health Broker (CCHB) Model. CCHBs are multicultural, multilingual health care workers who facilitate communication between patients, service providers and health and social service systems.

Summary of the Position

The Cross Cultural Health Broker (CCHB) is a unique role that serves the specialized population of racialized immigrants and refugees and is the basis of how Umbrella Co-op fulfills its mission to provide accessible health services to those who experience language and cultural barriers.

CCHBs work to meet the health and wellness needs of the ethno-cultural communities Umbrella Co-op serves along the continuum of settlement, integration, and social inclusion. CCHBs are bilingual and bicultural individuals, who identify with the community they serve, who act as a bridge between members of the community and the institutional Canadian health and social systems to ensure full access to quality health care that is culturally and linguistically appropriate.

The role works in all programs and services offered at Umbrella Co-op. They are trusted members of their communities and support the long-term relationship between patients, physicians, and other service providers while providing a cultural lens to ensure services are relevant and appropriate.

Duties and responsibilities

1. Using a cross-cultural communication framework, facilitate appointments between patient and health care provider in the clinical setting
 - o Support patient's access to health services by providing language and cultural interpretation and translation between clinicians and patients
 - o Ensure patient's informed decision making by conveying the information effectively between patient and clinician
2. Manage patient care
 - o Support continuity of care and fill health care gaps according to patients' preferences, needs and values
 - o Support health system navigation by providing information about the Canadian health care system
 - o Support patients' mental health needs through peer support or referrals
 - o Support patient follow-up, i.e., call patients to inform about specialist or hospital appointment details, support with lab requisitions or pharmacy needs, etc.
 - o Identify and address problems affecting patients and their family members' health



Careers with Legal Aid BC

Legal Aid BC is an independent, non-profit organization that provides legal aid for people with low incomes in BC. Our vision is client-focused legal aid that ensures access to justice for all.

We're looking for people who want to make a contribution to justice and make a difference to the lives of our clients, whether that's providing direct services or working behind the scenes.

If you want a challenging and meaningful career, consider the [available positions](#) with Legal Aid BC.

Thank you!

ONLINE WORKSHOP

RACISM AND ACTIVE WITNESSING

Build awareness of the various forms of discrimination and to empower one to shift from a silent bystander to an Active Witness by responding to discriminatory remarks and harmful situations on an individual basis.

Arabic interpretation
June 22, 2022 6-830pm

Registration required: <https://tinyurl.com/247vyhnc>

Farsi - Dari/Pashto interpretation
June 29, 2022 530-8pm

Registration required: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9aejxj>

Chinese interpretation
July 6, 2022 530-8pm

Registration required: <https://tinyurl.com/2j2rs4r5>

BIPT/Burnaby Together online Events (2 pages)

Racism and Active Witnessing

Poster also attached in PDF



BREAK THE SILENCE

Join us for this online workshop- Break the Silence-Active Witnessing (Micro-aggression / unconscious biases) training for frontline workers

JULY 13, 2022

10AM-1230PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YFMN6RWM](https://tinyurl.com/yfmn6rwm)

Poster also attached

Veterinary Assistant Diploma Training Program (PBLMT)

We are currently recruiting! Veterinary Assistant Diploma Training Program starting **JUNE 20th - November 18th, 2022.**

Training information:

Veterinary Assistant Diploma Training Program is a 100% government-funded free, group-based full-time program consisting of:

- 1 week of orientation
- 1 week of certification training
- 15 weeks of virtual and in-person academic training
- 4 weeks of work experience with local employers
- 1 week of job support

POSTER + FORM ATTACHED

This will prepare participants to work as a Veterinary Assistant.

Certificates provided by the PH:

Veterinarian Assistant Diploma, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Pandemic Awareness, Occupational First Aid Level 1, Privacy and Information Sharir Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS); Idexx VetLab, Hills VNA Small Animal Nutrition, Royal Canin, Radiology American Red Cross Pet First Aid

Please feel free to contact **604 324 7733** | **Ext: 612** or email razib.boby@pics.bc.ca

You can also visit our PICS website or Register Now at:

[Veterinary Assistant Diploma \(free Trainings.ca\)](http://www.free Trainings.ca)

INSIGNIA COLLEGE

VETERINARY ASSISTANT DIPLOMA TRAINING PROGRAM (PBLMT)

The Veterinary Assistant Diploma Training Program is an 18+1 week practicum Project Based Labour Market Training. Participants will learn veterinary assistant occupational skills, essential and employability skills and work experience. This course is designed to prepare you to be employment ready as a Veterinary Assistant in the rapidly growing BC Veterinary Industry.

WHAT'S COVERED

- ▶ **\$300 weekly allowance to qualified applicants**
- ▶ **Workplace Safety Certifications**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ **Must have established a claim for Employment Insurance (EI benefits), or**
 - ▶ Must have had an EI benefit period that ended within the previous 60 months; or
 - ▶ Must have earned more than \$2,000 in insurable earnings and paid employee EI premiums on those earnings in at least 5 of the last 10 years (Note: the 5 years do not have to be consecutive years); and;
 - ▶ Must have an Action Plan (AP) that identifies PBLMT as a reasonable goal to support their occupational goal.

Screening and Intake Ongoing!
Cohort to start on
June 20, 2022

FOR SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION

Kavyanjali Kumar
kavyanjali@pics.bc.ca
778-615-7650 (Ext-117)

Razib Bobby
razib@pics.bc.ca
604-324-7733 (Ext-612)

Interested candidates can also contact their local WorkBC Centre.
Phone: 1-800-477-9772 or visit our website: www.pics.bc.ca

Click here to go Online

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This program is funded by the Government of Canada
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Become an EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

In 43 weeks

FREE TRAINING In-class instruction at Surrey campus **Start Date: July 18, 2022**

Eligibility Requirements:

- Unemployed, employed (part-time, seasonal, or casual), or precariously employed and Seeking training to find a new job
- Participants currently receiving regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits, and those on Income Assistance (IA), are also eligible to Participate in a CWRG-funded training project
- Participants must reside in BC and be Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or protected persons approved by court decisions.
- Participants must have a Social Insurance Number (SIN), clean criminal records, and immunization records
- 19 years of age or older or completion of grade 12
- Complete entrance examination with 70% or higher OR evidence of Grade 12 English
- Successful completion of a short written essay

• Complete entrance interview

- Verbal test of English (if ESL)
- Acceptable criminal record search under the criminal record review act
- Acceptable medical examination form completed by a physician

Coursework includes:

Orientation and Student Success Skills • ECE Foundations • Child Growth and Development I • Child Growth and Development II • Emerging Curriculum • Observation and Recording • Health, Safety and Nutrition • Guidance and Caring • Language and Literature • Music and Movement • Science, Socials and Math • Creative Art • Family, Teacher Relations • Practicum Seminars • Career Search Strategies • Program Related Additional Certifications • Practicum (full days)

For more details contact: razib.boby@pics.bc.ca 604-324-7733 ext 612



PICS is pleased to announce that our EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR (ECE), CWRG program is starting to recruit interested and eligible clients. If you have a client who is interested in this program, PLEASE refer them to PICS using our website REGISTRATION.

We are currently recruiting! Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Program starting **JULY 18th, 2022**. It is a 43 weeks program until **MAY 19th, 2023**. ****Onsite Training at Stenberg College Surrey Campus Monday to Friday, 9am-2pm****

Please feel free to contact **604 324 7733 | Ext: 612** or email at razib.boby@pics.bc.ca for more details. **POSTER ATTACHED**

You can also visit our website or Register Now at:
[Early Childhood Educator \(ECE\) CWRG Program by PICS Surrey \(free Trainings.ca\)](http://free Trainings.ca)

Training information:

Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Program is a 100% free government-funded, group-based full-time program.

Certificates provided by the PH:

Orientation and Student Success Skills, ECE Foundations, Child Growth and Development I, Child Growth and Development II, Emerging Curriculum, Observation and Recording, Health, Safety and Nutrition, Guidance and Caring, Language and Literature, Music and Movement, Science, Socials and Math, Creative Art, Family / Teacher Relations, Practicum Seminars, Career Search Strategies, Program Related Additional Certifications, Practicum (full days)



Canadian Council
for Refugees
Conseil canadien
pour les réfugiés

Dear CCR member,

We are extremely happy to announce that this year's **Summer Working Group meetings will take place in person:**

September 9-10 in Montreal!

Save the date

Yes! We are hosting our Summer Working Group meetings in person in Montreal so pencil in those dates: **Friday, Sept 9 and Saturday, Sept 10, all day!**

Can't be in Montreal?

The CCR will be holding a **virtual meeting on Wednesday September 7** for members who may be unable to participate in person.

Let us know if you'll join us!

To help us prepare in welcoming you, we would love to know how likely you are to join us in Montreal or virtually. Here is a very short [survey for you to fill out](#).



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• Montréal, September 9-10

**Summer Working
Group Meetings**