



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 126

May 4, 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.

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR BCSIS STREAM A & B SERVICE PROVIDERS

The BC Government announced yesterday (May 3) important increases to funding to support vulnerable populations, including refugee claimants. [Fact Sheet](#)

More details concerning funding increases will be coming soon.

NEW: MAP STRATEGY MEETING TO CREATE A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR THE CO-CHAIR POSITIONS

Thanks to the work of many MAP Members discussions have started on how to fill the need for a MAP co-chair, and how to re-structure MAP to create a robust, responsive and workable network. YOU are invited to an in-person discussion:

Thursday May 19 at 3pm – 4:30pm at Journey Home Community: 7175 Royal Oak Avenue, Burnaby (entrance on south-west corner of the building) Email Jenny at info@mapbc.org to register and have your say!

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

The first full meeting to plan WRD events in Surrey and Vancouver will be held online, TOMORROW May 5 at 4-5pm Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83777882945> if you would like to help celebrate!

For those agencies and individuals also concerned with services for **displaced Ukrainians** the Provincial Government has set up a useful link to find or donate services and materials. Go to: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022MUNI0014-000565>

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

News highlights:

Refugee claimant- related articles from Canada and around the world

May 4, 2022

Please see a list of interesting articles gathered by MAP from across Canada and globally ([PDF attached](#))

*Thanks to Journey Home's **Barry Growe** for his research and compilation:*

- [After pandemic drop, Canada's detention of immigrants rises again](#)
Reuters April 27
- [Trailblazers in health care: championing refugee health Dr. Meb Rashid](#)
Canadian Medical Association April 21
- [As Covid restrictions ended, a busy winter for asylum seekers at the Canadian border](#)
National Post April 25
- ['I had no idea we would help this many people': startup helps doctors, patients understand each other in 240 languages](#)
The Record, Waterloo April 20
- [Mental health week focuses on empathy and meeting the needs of our changing world](#)
Toronto Star April 28
- [Atlantic Canada looking to attract refugees to smaller towns](#)
Toronto Star April 19

Burnaby Neighbourhood House

Welcome to BC – Orientation Series

Federal and Provincial benefits (in Dari/Farsi)

May 6th, 1-3pm by zoom.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Poster attached in PDF

Settlement & Integration Program

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



Welcome to BC - Orientation Series (in 1st language) for Newcomers

به بی سی خوش آمدید - سلسله جلسہ های معلوماتی (به دری و فارسی) برای تازه واردین

Friday, May 6, 2022
1pm-3pm via Zoom

جمعه ۶ می ۲۰۲۲
۱ الی ۳ بعدازظهر از طریق زوم

As part of the on-going monthly virtual sessions offered by BNH in Dari and Farsi, this week we will be sharing information on:

به عنوان بخشی از جلسات سلسله وار مجازی ماهانه که توسط BNH به زبان های دری و فارسی ارائه می شود، این هفته ما با شما شریک مسازیم اطلاعاتی را در مورد:

- federal & provincial benefits

• مزایای دولت فدرال و ولایتی (استانی)

To register please either call or email:

برای ثبت نام لطفاً تماس بگیرید یا ایمیل کنید:

armanz@burnabynh.ca

maryamt@burnabynh.ca

Arman 604-657-2163 / Maryam 236-877-2531

WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (səlilwətaʔ), Kwikwetlem (kwikwətləm), Squamish (Skwəwə7mesh ʔixwəmxw) and Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəyám) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours

MOSAIC TRAININGS FOR REFUGEE CLAIMANTS

- **Date:** First Aid Training on Wednesday, May 25th
- **Location:** MOSAIC, 5575 Boundary Road. Vancouver BC, V5R 2P9
- **Time:** 8:50 am – 4:30 pm
- Sandwiches for lunch and bus tickets are provided

Masks are mandatory, and strict hygiene procedures are in place. Anyone contacting us or arriving with symptoms of illness will not be admitted.

Please share widely with your community who may benefit from these trainings.

The registration is free but limited.

To register, please email Tracy at ttang@mosaicbc.org

(Provided by MOSAIC's Refugee Settlement and Integration Program)

First Aid Training for Refugee Claimants International Students & Temporary Foreign Workers

Wednesday, May 25th

9:00 am—5:00 pm

MOSAIC - 5575 Boundary Road, Vancouver

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

Limited spaces available. Registration required!

Physically distanced class following COVID-19 safety measures.

Strict hygiene procedures are in place. Anyone with symptoms of illness will not be admitted. Masks are required.

To register: ttang@mosaicbc.org

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Ready Tours

Announcing sessions specifically for Farsi Speaking refugee claimants

- 1. Friday, May 13 (9:30-11:30AM PST)- Only for Farsi/Dari Speaking Refugee Claimants**
- 2. Friday, June 10 (9:30-11:30AM PST)-Only for Farsi/Dari Speaking Refugee Claimants**

To refer a client or register please contact:

Masi Allahverdi

READY Tour Organizer

M 604.362.1070

T 604.255.9691

Email: masi@kinbrace.ca



FREE
IN PERSON
FOR AGES 19+

Relapse and Recovery

Snacks and bus tickets!

Learn to anticipate triggers and gain alternative coping methods.

DIVERSEcity's Journeys concurrent disorders program provides community-based counselling and outreach for people dealing with mental health and substance use issues. Join our weekly relapse prevention group to:

- Learn to anticipate substance use triggers and develop coping methods
- Develop confidence by practising coping skills in real-life risk situations
- Make connections between substance use and other life situations
- Learn to anticipate risk situations and pre-planning coping strategies
- Create a space for community care and learning

Punjabi and Mandarin language support will be provided.

Tuesdays, May 10 to June 14 2022

1-2:30 pm

At DIVERSEcity Newton Town Centre Campus

#1107 - 7330 137 Street, Surrey, BC

Who's eligible?

Adults 19+

REGISTER



604-306-8414



phsu@dcrs.ca



dcrs.ca/journeys



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VISIT US AT [DCRS.CA](http://dcrs.ca) | FOLLOW US @[DIVERSECITYBC](https://twitter.com/DIVERSECITYBC)

Poster attached

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

There are more jobs available currently – please see listings below and attached



TEMPORARY RESIDENTS SPECIALIST			
Posting Requisition	A22057	Program	B.C. Settlement and Integration Services Program
Job Type	Permanent, Full-time	Location	Surrey, BC
Hours of work	35 hours per week	Closing Date	Open Until Filled

Options Community Services is a non-profit registered charity providing social services primarily in Surrey, Delta, White Rock and Langley. We believe in helping people help themselves. We believe in collaborating with individuals, businesses, community groups and government to create focused, effective and responsive resources for the community.

Temporary Residents Specialist provides immigration, settlement and employment related services through 1-1 and group information and orientation and referrals to Temporary Foreign Workers, Provincial Nominees, International Students, Refugee Claimants and Naturalized Citizens seeking employment.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Assess client strengths and needs and provide guidance on job search and career development through culturally appropriate one-on-one counseling and group information & orientation sessions.
- Organize, promote and facilitate information & orientation group activities on, job search skills, labour market related resources, training opportunities and job fairs, information on workplace rights and responsibilities, workplace safety and culture.
- Establish a positive rapport and working relationship with clients and engage them in activities that encourage them to connect to the broader community.
- Develop program-relevant reference and resource materials as needed.
- Promote the development of inclusive communities and support/participate in community forums/initiatives/meetings as assigned.
- Participate in meetings and training opportunities.
- Other administrative duties as required, including photocopying/faxing, taking meeting minutes, filing, room set-up/clearing for meetings and activities, etc.
- Follow written and verbal directives from Program Manager and/or Senior Manager, Executive Director or designate.
- Contribute to a positive work environment by maintaining a positive working relationship with other workers and volunteers.
- Perform other related duties as required

QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training, and Experience:



Options Community Services – Temporary Resident Specialist
Permanent, full time – in Surrey, BC
See full description and application procedure **in PDF attached**

More jobs!





Muslim Food Bank / Aspire Senior Caseworker – Housing & Homelessness Support Contract / 28 hours a week flexible - **See PDF attached**

Job Posting

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Caseworker - Housing and Homelessness Support
PROGRAM:	ASPIRE Community Services – Vancouver Location
Reports to:	Manager, ASPIRE Programs

Summary

Under the direction of the Manager, the senior caseworker is responsible for supporting members of the community who are experiencing homelessness or those at risk of homelessness. The caseworker will also enforce the mission of the ASPIRE program that aims at promoting client development and independence, by providing support and motivation.

Responsibilities:

- Meets clients and register them with MFBCS and ASPIRE Programs by completing all intake forms.
- Assesses clients' needs to develop an individualized support plan which outlines a strategy to find housing and become self reliant.
- Monitors support plans to ensure clients are on track with their plans and/or adjust plans, if necessary, to meet individual client needs.
- Assists clients to access services, make appointments and complete forms if required.
- Refers clients to appropriate community resources based on assessed needs.
- Organizes and facilitates workshops and courses, arranging for external speakers as appropriate.
- Performs service bridging by serving as a resource to clients and service providers.
- Prepare reports as required.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualification

Diploma in Social Sciences, counselling, or a related discipline supplemented by a minimum of one (1) to (2) years of experience in a client-oriented position, preferably in an immigrant settlement service-related field OR an equivalent combination of education, training and experience acceptable to the employer. Fluency in the Arabic language is an asset.

Skills and Abilities

- Ability to communicate effectively in both written and oral English.
- Demonstrated ability to deal effectively and courteously with clients, staff, volunteers, partners and the public who comes from diverse backgrounds.
- Good time management skills.
- Ability to set and maintain boundaries with clients and manage self-care.
- Possession of a clear criminal record.

To Apply: please send an email and cover letter to saleem@muslimfoodbank.com.

Closing Date: open until the right candidate is hired.

Hours of Work: 28 hours per week, flexible schedule.

Salary Range: \$21 to \$23 per hour based on education, training, and experience.

Contract Term: One year contract term with a possibility of extension pending funding.

Note: Applicants must be legally eligible to work in Canada. We thank all applicants; however, only those shortlisted will be contacted for an interview.



Vancity Community Partnership Program is now open, and we encourage agencies that have projects that align with the criteria to apply. Here is the link: [Community Partnership Program - Vancity](#)

What is the Community Partnership Program?

The Vancity Community Partnership Program (CPP) provides low barrier, responsive grants up to \$25,000 for projects that improve financial resilience, reduce carbon emissions, and advance Racial Justice and Reconciliation.

We seek to support community-based ideas that remove systemic barriers to economic well-being and opportunity. We want to work with organizations implementing solutions that help equity deserving groups and local organizations build financial resilience to safeguard against the climate crisis, life's emergencies, reduce the risk of financial hardship, and withstand financial shocks. This includes marginalized, racialized, underrepresented or vulnerable people to ensure that no one is left behind as we transition to a clean economy.

Priority will be given to initiatives that are led by or will partner with Indigenous, Black, People of Color, newcomers, women, people living with disabilities, or other equity deserving groups in the planning and delivery of the initiative.

Diana Barry (she/her/hers)
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Upcoming free webinars



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Representation agreements

 [Thursday, May 12](#) |  [10:30 AM - 12:30 PM PDT](#)

This session will focus 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 speakers will discuss capacity assessments and requirements for the different representation agreements, as well as the type of instructions a client can make. They will also discuss factors that clients should consider such as: who to appoint, impacts of the appointment and what range of decisions the client may want their representative to be able to make. Our speakers will give a brief overview of the Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act and how this legislation interacts with the Representation Agreement Act. [*This session is open to all community workers in BC*](#)


This session will be recorded.
Click below to register.

Register



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Legal Aid BC services and resources

 [Wednesday, May 18](#) |  [10:30 AM - 12:30 PM PDT](#)

Your clients may be facing a complex web of legal problems. Early intervention in such issues is vital: over time, legal problems usually become more complicated and stressful, and may require expensive court time. With **basic legal information**, and information on where to find legal help, you can help your clients navigate confusing legal processes. Using real life scenarios, our speakers will 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. [*This session is open to all community workers in BC*](#)

This session will be recorded.
Click below to register.

Register

We want to hear from you!

How can Legal Aid BC's child protection resources be improved?

 [Thursday, June 2](#) |  [10:30 AM - 12:00 PM PDT](#)

Come share your thoughts about how Legal Aid BC [child protection legal information resources](#) work for your community and how they can be improved. Help us create resources that better serve your community. The focus group takes place online using the Microsoft Teams platform. Register [here](#) or email publications@legalaid.bc.ca to save your spot by **Wednesday, June 1**.

Once you register, you will receive 1) a Microsoft Teams link to access the meeting and 2) a digital or print package of LABC's child protection publications

If you have questions, contact Patricia Lim at publications@legalaid.bc.ca

[*This session is open to community workers who support people with child protection issues](#)

This session will be recorded.
Click below to register.

Register

 To sign-up for this newsletter, please [click here](#)
To view the entire newsletter, [click here](#).

Posters attached also!

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DIA DE LA MADRE

PARA TI, QUE LUCHAS TODOS LOS DIAS POR UN MEJOR FUTURO

MAYO 15, 2022 1-4 PM
HOLLAND PARK
KING GEORGE STATION
SURREY

Contactanos:

(778) 683 - 3419
 (604) 754 - 3419
 (778) 791 - 3419
 (778) 536 - 3419

Canada
 Funded by the Government of Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program

From Dignidad Migrante – posters also attached
Activities for Temporary Foreign Workers arriving into BC!



Invitan:



MWAG

Échate un taco!
Ven a cenar

¡No importa tu estatus!
 Si eres trabajador migrante
 Te esperamos a cenar cada último
 Domingo de Mes en:

Landing Sport Center – The Loft,
 45530 Spadina Avenue, Chilliwack

Tramites 2:00 PM
 Cena 5:00 PM
 Rifas/Juegos 6:00 PM

April 24 – Mayo 29 – Junio 26 – Julio 24
 Agosto 28 – Septiembre 25



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Refugee Research Network

**- RRN Research Digest -
April 28, 2022**

[Read Digest on RRN Website](#)

QUOTE:

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

REPEATS



All neighbours and community members are invited to the **Re-Opening Ceremony of South Vancouver Neighbourhood House**

To celebrate the **Neighbourhood House Week**

May 2, 2022
Monday
11am - 2pm
6470 Victoria Drive

*For Indigenous drumming and smudging ceremony.
To learn more about your local neighbourhood house!
There will be give-aways and refreshments, and free registration for new community members!*

The Official opening of Southside Hub (8118 Fraser Street) will be on Saturday May 7th, 2022, at 11:00 am.

The event is being held during the **Neighborhood House Celebration week (May 1- May 7)**.

The attached flyer is an invitation for you to join in the ceremonies and to promote the events among your contacts, community members and your clients.

Looking forward to seeing you and the community 😊

Warm regards

Huda

Huda Bolbolan *(she/her/hers pronouns)*

Community Engagement Programmer

South Vancouver Neighborhood House

A flyer for the Southside Hub Open House. It features a photograph of the building entrance at 8118 Fraser Street. The text on the flyer includes: 'Come to the Southside Hub Open House', 'May 7, 2022 Saturday 11am - 2pm', '8118 Fraser Street', 'Visit our new site, "SVNH Southside Hub" and share your hopes for programs, services and ideas for the Southside Hub over a cup of coffee and snacks.', and 'For information, call: 604-324-6212 ext 143'. At the bottom, there is a logo for the Association of Neighbourhood Houses BC and a decorative Indigenous pattern.

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ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES BC





Here are some health tips for you and your family!

- 1. Eat balanced meals.** Reduce sugar intake and drink water with your meals. Try to balance your meals with complex carbohydrates, protein, and fruits & vegetables to ensure you are getting all the nutrients you need to feel good. Do not forget to have a treat! Enjoy your favourite dessert to celebrate!
- 2. Get enough sleep.** We know our sleeping patterns may have changed due to Ramadan routines, but now we can get back to our regular sleep routine and help our mind and body to recover. Getting enough sleep helps reduce stress and improves your mood.
- 3. Move your body.** Start walking around your neighbourhood. You can also ask a family member or friend to join you. Physical activity for 30 minutes a day can benefit your physical and mental well being. If 30 minutes is too much, start with 10 minutes and work your way up! Walking outside in nature is also good for your mental well being.
- 4. Reconnect with friends & family.** Celebrate with your family, friends, and loved ones. As the weather is getting warmer, you can have a picnic outdoor, meet with friend for coffee/chai, and enjoy some fresh air.
- 5. Keep yourself and loved ones safe** by staying home if you are sick, and getting vaccinated. Please respect other's situations and personal choices.

Please **see Eid posters attached** in:

- English
- Arabic
- Farsi
- Somali
- Urdu

Imtiaz Popat

Program Assistant

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NewToBC Community Dialogue Final Summary Report

Hi all,

We have now completed the 9 NewToBC Community Dialogues that you helped initiate back in January when you attended the first consultation for settlement service providers.

Many of you attended the sessions and will have already received this from NewToBC, but for those of you who did not, here is a link to the final summary <https://newtobc.ca/settlement-information-for-newcomers/newtobc-community-dialogues/>

The individual participation and meaningful engagement in each community was profound, and we thank you all very much for the part you played.

Warmly,

Andrea Solnes

UPCOMING EVENTS



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Centre for Migration Studies

May 18, All-day Workshop (*in-person*)

[Workshop: Public Views of Immigration and Diversity: Causes and Consequences for Policy](#)

Sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and organized by the Centre for Migration Studies, UBC

May 2-3, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (*hybrid event*)

[Implementing Migration Policy: Excavating the Administration and Bureaucratic Processes Behind Migrant Admissions and Deportation](#), featuring

CMS Director Antje Ellermann

May 7, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (*hybrid event*)

[Becoming Neighbours: Trust](#)

Organized by CMS faculty affiliate, Erin Goheen, in partnership with Kinbrace Community Society, Muslim Food Bank, & World Renew



"A new national survey conducted by Leger on behalf of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) — Canada's leading citizenship organization and the world's foremost voice on citizenship and inclusion — challenges some cherished Canadian assumptions about immigration and citizenship.

'Canada is a nation of immigrants — and one of the stories we tell ourselves is that we are welcoming to new immigrants, wherever they may be from,' says ICC CEO Daniel Bernhard. 'But while this may be generally true, new survey data points to the fact that many new Canadians are having a crisis of confidence in Canada — and that should be ringing alarms all over Ottawa.'

Survey findings include:

- 30% of 18–34-year-old new Canadians and 23% of university-educated new Canadians say they are likely to move to another country in the next two years.
- While most Canadians and new immigrant Canadians alike believe that Canada provides immigrants with a good quality of life, Canadians have a much more positive outlook on Canada's immigration policy compared to new Canadian immigrants.
- New Canadian immigrants are more likely to believe that Canadians don't understand the challenges that immigrants face and feel the rising cost of living will make immigrants less likely to stay in Canada.

Download the full report : https://www.inclusion.ca/site/uploads/2022/03/Leger_ICC_Citizenship-Report-March-2022.pdf



LGBTQI + Refugees' and Asylum Seekers' Mental Health: A Qualitative Systematic Review

Azadeh Nematy, Yudit Namer & Oliver Razum

Sexuality Research and Social Policy – Latest Articles

Published online March 29, 2022

Open access article

Abstract

Introduction

LGBTQI + refugees and asylum seekers experience enormous distress during their lifespan. Ill-effects of socio-cultural stigma, systemic violence, and forced migration due to sexual orientation, gender identity or expressions, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC) are not their only challenge. The cumbersome asylum process in host countries negatively affects their mental health and well-being. The objective of this systematic review was to retrieve, critically evaluate and synthesize the evidence from qualitative data relating to mental health conditions of LGBTQI + forced migrants before, during, and after resettlement.

Read or download the full article:

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-022-00705-y>