



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 136

August 24, 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.

MAP NEWS

MAP BULLETINS AFTER THE SUMMER MONTHS: *For your article submission regular weekly bulletins will resume on September 7.*

MAP CO-CHAIR POSITION AND ADVISORY COUNCIL

THANK YOU to so many who have come forward to volunteer on the new MAP Advisory Council – your experience and vision will help MAP get to a new place in supporting the agencies working with refugee claimants! Names will be shared for MAP membership endorsement at the September MAP BC Meeting

We are still in need of a **NEW** MAP Co-chair!

The job has tightened up and time needed has been drastically reduced – **see job description attached again.**
NOMINATIONS ARE WELCOME AND IMPERATIVE TO MAINTAIN A SUSTANABLE SECTOR ALLIANCE AT MAP BC.
Sorry - only [Partner Agency](#) members can apply.

LAUNCH of new Refugee Claimant Navigation Website!

MAP BC, MOSAIC and BC CHARMS are excited to let you know that NEW refugee claimants can now access help online immediately via a website designed specifically for their needs – please promote to your claimant clients. See more information **INSIDE!!**



Kinbrace is looking for focus group participants for a NEW employment initiative for refugee claimants and newcomers! Please encourage your clients to consider joining the '**ACHIEVING FINANCIAL MOBILITY**' Project – more info INSIDE!

Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants
Thanh Lam and Jenny Moss. MAP Executive

Dear Community Partner,

HEAT HEALTH (2 pages)

Our health region generally has moderate temperatures. However, as the climate warms, extreme heat can cause health impacts, resulting in heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke, as well as worsening pre-existing health conditions. Longer term exposure to dangerously hot conditions can lead to permanent disability or death.

Organizations like yours can play a part in helping reducing heat-related illness. Fraser Health recognizes there are challenges for businesses to take all the steps they might wish during heat events. The following attached guidance is to support businesses in taking whatever actions are possible within their capacity. We thank the business community for all they do to contribute to safe and healthy communities, both routinely and during emergencies.

What can you do to be a heat healthy leader?

Tune in regularly to local weather forecasts and alerts so you know when risk is higher.

Apps like WeatherCAN may be helpful to get alerts when weather warnings are issued.

- Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.gc.ec.weather_app_android.ops&hl=en_CA&gl=US
- Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/weathercan/id1334221563>

Making small changes can protect the public during heat warnings:

- Provide water if you are able.
- Train staff to recognize [the signs of heat illness](#).
- If you have A/C, advertise if people are welcome to stay longer than usual. It can take a long time to cool off once overheated.
- Alter your pet policy to let people bring pets to your cool spot (people worry about leaving their pets in hot homes). Fraser Health can provide guidance, email healthybuiltenvironment@fraserhealth.ca
- Check in on others – share this guidance document with community organizations
- If you do not think all people will feel welcome, or there are limits on how many people can be in your space, know where there are community cooling spaces to which you can direct people.
 - Fraser Health <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/sun-safety/cooling-centres#YsRrWbfMKUk>
- Post cooling advice and how to care for others (see table below)



Cooling Advice and How to Care For Others Poster

Language	PDF link
English	https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/extreme-heat-596910.pdf
Punjabi	https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/extreme-heat-large-poster-669635.pdf
Hindi	https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/extreme-heat-large-poster-669632.pdf
Arabic	https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/extreme-heat-large-poster-669227.pdf
Farsi	https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/extreme-heat-large-poster-669634.pdf
Urdu	https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/extreme-heat-large-poster-669637.pdf
Chinese Simplified	https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/extreme-heat-large-poster-669630.pdf
Chinese Traditional	https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/extreme-heat-large-poster-669631.pdf
Korean	https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/extreme-heat-large-poster-669633.pdf
Spanish	https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/extreme-heat-large-poster-669636.pdf
Vietnamese	https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/file/extreme-heat-large-poster-669638.pdf

Summer Heat Safety for Seniors and People with Medical Conditions

2 page Small text version: <https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/permalink/666904>

4 page large text version: <https://patienteduc.fraserhealth.ca/permalink/666903>

Thanks to Imtiaz Popat and the Sehat Program at Fraser Health Region for this helpful resource.

News highlights:

Refugee claimant – related articles from Canada and around the world

August 24, 2022

Please see a list of interesting articles gathered by MAP from across Canada and globally ([PDF attached](#))
Thanks to Barry Growe (Journey Home Community) for his research and compilation:



- [Summer program helps refugee children settle in Saskatchewan](#)
Canada Today August 22
- [New city data shows 40 people a night on average turned away from Toronto homeless shelters](#)
CBC August 4
- [Burnaby Mountie welcomes newcomer women to Canada](#)
Burnaby Now August 12
- [After Canada denied her health care she lost her leg and sight and kidneys](#)
Toronto Star August 19
- [Thousands of Afghans who helped Canada trapped and struggling to leave](#)
CTV August 15
- [Record number of migrants at US – Mexico border](#)
USA Today August 18
- [More than 1.3 million immigration applications still in backlog at Immigration](#)
CBC / Canadian Press August 24

!!We at MOSAIC and MAP are happy to announce that the [BC CHARMS Refugee Claimant Navigation Website](https://refugeclaimbc.com) is now live and ready to use!!

INFORMATIONAL PDF ATTACHED!

What is the BC CHARMS Refugee Claimant Navigation Website?

One of innovative initiatives under the BC CHARMS Project was creating a navigation website for Refugee Claimants that could fill the gap between their arrival and getting their first contact with a settlement worker in BC.

The BC CHARMS Refugee Claimant Navigation Website is a collection of valuable resources and services to support Refugee Claimants with their essential needs immediately upon their arrival to British Columbia, Canada. This website connects Refugee Claimants with Settlement Workers to receive information regarding settlement services.

What can Refugee Claimants find on the BC CHARMS Navigation Website?

Key Contacts - Top Tips - Legal - Housing - Health & Emergency - Wi-Fi & Connectivity - Food & Clothing

Why Use the BC CHARMS Navigation Website?

- Easily available through scanning the QR code!
- A singular place containing the most useful information to assist Refugee Claimants upon their arrival
- Built-in [tutorial video](#) with subtitles in more than 7 languages
- Seamless visual navigation of website functions
- Very simple language for newcomers with limited English

Let's make this website available to our Refugee Claimants clients!

Scan the QR code and connect! (Business card versions available, email Marzieh (mnezakat@mosaicbc.org) and Floorance (ffaqiri@mosaicbc.org))



MAP Members – please pass this opportunity along to your clients



Dear Refugee Claimants and Newcomers,

As part of our commitment to finding more inclusive ways to hire refugee claimants and removing some employment barriers faced by all newcomers, we invite you to attend a focus group to discuss employment barriers and to share experience and stories. To register for this focus group, please fill out a brief survey. The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete, and is located at:

<https://forms.gle/nnGhFTUZsYgdxeFu7>

In the survey you need to confirm attendance and choose the date that works best for you. The focus group will be in person at Kinbrace office and will be offering a \$50 honorarium for those selected to attend. Please note this is for refugee claimants and recent newcomers only.

More details about the project and the focus group are found **attached**.

Mohammed Zaqout
Achieving Financial Mobility Coordinator
Tel: 604.446.4431 / 604.255.9691



Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op invites you to join their NEW online Health Workshops for Arabic, Spanish and Tigrinya - speaking communities – **Posters in English and first language attached!**

Umbrella Workshops for Health

5. Health System Navigation

for the Arabic-speaking community

What A workshop for everybody!

Let us come together to:

- Learn about the Canadian health system
- Practice English
- Meet new people
- Have fun and relax!

When Wednesday Sep 21 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

It's free! Join us!



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



Umbrella Workshops for Health

5. Health System Navigation

for the Latin American community

What A workshop for everybody!

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When Saturday Sep 17 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Where On Zoom please click on this link

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

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No registration needed. If you have questions please call Angelica 604-404-2105
Event is in Spanish



**Umbrella Multicultural
Health Co-op**

Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op

715 Carnarvon St., New Westminster, BC V3M 1E6

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for the Tigrinya-speaking community

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When Wednesday Sep 14 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

It's free! Join us!



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



MOSAIC is excited to announce that the Refugee Settlement and Integration Program at MOSAIC will be hosting two sessions for First Aid Training and Food Safe Training this coming Fall. These trainings are available for all (Refugee Claimants, International Students and Temporary Foreign Workers). **Posters attached in PDF**

Dates:

Food Safe Training - Wednesday, September 21st

First Aid Training - Thursday, September 22nd

Location: MOSAIC, 5575 Boundary Road. Vancouver BC, V5R 2P9

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sandwiches for lunch, and bus tickets are provided

Mask is mandatory, and strict hygiene procedures are in place.

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

The registration is free but limited. To register, please email ttang@mosaicbc.org



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

Thursday, September 22nd
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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We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs





Rainbow
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UPDATES:

- Rainbow Refugee is hiring for the position of inland coordinator (https://charityvillage.com/jobs/lgbtqai-refugee-inland-program-coordinator-in-vancouver-british-columbia-ca/?utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic)
- We continue to hold in-person walk-ins on Tuesdays 12-4pm to support with legal navigation and advocacy (connecting to Legal Aid, education on refugee determination process, choosing a lawyer, etc.). The walk-ins are held in our lounge at 1033 Davie Street, Vancouver. For psychosocial support, please contact Nazanin at support@rainbowrefugee.ca

MOSAIC in collaboration with the **University of British Columbia** is conducting research to identify barriers and any biases faced by **Internationally Trained Medical Graduates (IMGs)**.

Find materials attached and the survey link below to promote widely among your members and networks.

IMGs can participate in this survey by clicking on the survey link below:

<https://bit.ly/3yKkeW2>

This survey is part of research seeking to address the lack of disaggregated data. The absence of this data is an impediment to pressing for change to a system which appears to disadvantage internationally trained doctors' access to medical licensing. The survey collects demographic, educational, and licensure data from graduates of international medical schools. The survey results will allow us to better understand the barriers, biases, and challenges IMGs face in obtaining Canadian licensure.

The survey is anonymous and is designed only to collect demographic, educational, and Canadian licensure data. Data will be stored on a secure, password protected, database located at the University of British Columbia. The data will **not** be accessible to the Faculty of Medicine of UBC. All study results will be reported in aggregate to ensure no individual is identifiable.

How they plan to use this data

- Distribute the findings of the project widely to advocacy groups, immigrant-serving organizations, government and non-government health organizations
- Hold public education sessions and webinar to encourage participants to support the call for an equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI-) based approach for IMGs to qualify to practice in Canada.
- Publish the results in journals and use the data to challenge the existing narratives.
- Meet with Ministries of Health and other stakeholders to share the data and to encourage and engage in a dialogue for systemic change.

If you have any question related to this survey or the research, please feel free to contact:

- Sherman Chan, Director of Family and Settlement Services, MOSAIC at schan@mosaicbc.org or
- Karin H Humphries, Scientific Director, Centre for Improved Cardiovascular Health (ICVHealth) at CHÈOS, Associate Professor, Emeritus at khumphries@icvhealth.ubc.ca

Visuals and Flyers are attached

Thank you very much!





Ready to Learn How to Be Your Own Boss? **These workshops are open to ALL!**

See a need in your community that you want to try to meet?

Want to share your entrepreneurial dreams with a bunch of other great youth from across the country?

Then the **YMCA's Youth for Entrepreneurship (Y4E)** program is for you! We offer free drop in sessions every Monday - Thursday all summer and would love to have you join us!

Feel free to join us for any of these upcoming **FREE Youth for Entrepreneurship (Y4E) workshops ongoing.**

Tuesday, August 25, 10:00 am PST:

Getting Started as a Young Entrepreneur!

Find out what it takes to be an entrepreneur, hear some young Canadian entrepreneur success stories and share business ideas of your own in a safe and supportive space!

Wednesday, August 29, 10:00 am PST:

Finding Support as a Young Entrepreneur!

Find out more about great resources across Canada to support young entrepreneurs, and how you can access funding, mentoring and learning opportunities.

Thursday, August 30, 10:00 am PST:

Building Digital Skills as a Young Entrepreneur!

Find out all you need to know to grow your business dreams using the latest apps and tech, as well as ways to keep you and your business safe in today's online world! **AND MORE!**

Register in advance for any or all of the above sessions using this Zoomlink:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqf-uurzgpGN0RhlaLyS-UiWeYM4VM9qgP>.





During this 10-week course, learn from childcare professionals currently working in the field:

- Strengthen your communication skills and get information about education planning related to a childcare career in Canada.
- Learn about volunteering in a childcare setting and practice interview skills for informational, volunteer and job interviews.
- Expand your networks and develop an understanding of diverse childcare careers and educational pathways

FREE but Registration Required

Open to Convention Refugees CUAET visa holders and Permanent Residents

When:

Fridays, September 16 - December 2, 2022

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Location:

Robert Lee YMCA
955 Burrard Street
Vancouver

Register [HERE](#)

First Time ever at a YMCA Immigrant Service Program? After you register on Eventbrite, you must complete application form to complete (click link below to download) and return to connections@gv.ymca.ca



More events offered at the Y for Convention Refugees

Online English Conversation Club - Wednesday Mornings

Wed, Aug 31, 2022 10:30 AM – 12PM PDT

Free, but please register here.....



OR

In-Person English Conversation Club - Friday mornings

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Where:

Robert Lee YMCA
955 Burrard Street, Vancouver

Greetings on behalf of the **Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT)**,

You are invited to participate in the **Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT)'s Train the Trainer: National Trauma-Informed Care Project**. Having delivered this training in Ontario, we are now extending our invitation targeting settlement organizations, sponsorship agreement holders and institutions throughout Canada.

Purpose

The project's purpose is to develop national tools and manuals and provide professional training for those working with survivors of torture, genocide, and crimes against humanity. This will help all of us share our expertise and develop best practices that we can all use in our agencies. Your participation and feedback are valuable to this project.

The input you give and the experiences you share will be used to re-evaluate the tools, manuals, and professional training that we all have developed. This training will launch across Canada starting **Thursday, October 13th, 2022 @ 1PM-4PM EST** and will run every second Thursday of every month for a total of 5 training sessions, ending on **Thursday, February 9th, 2023 @ 1PM-4PM EST**. The training will be delivered in English; however, French interpreters will be available.

To ensure everyone has an opportunity to participate, each organization can register a **maximum of 2 participants**. We invite you or your senior manager to complete and send back the **registration form attached**. The registration will be **free of charge**. We would hope to have your response by **Wednesday, August 31st, 2022**.

Thank you for your time and we hope you are staying safe! Please feel free to contact me and our Training Module Project Manager (Mahnoush Kay Kohpaei at mkohpaei@ccvt.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

www.ccvvt.org

Train the trainer dates on the next page



Please find the Train-the Trainer dates below:

CCVT's Train-the-trainer: National Trauma Informed Care Project	
Training Course Schedule	
Training Module	Date/Time
Topic 1: Principles of Trauma-Informed Service	Thursday, October 13th 2022 @ 1PM-4PM EST
Topic 2: Making Meaning and Migration	Thursday, November 10th 2022 @ 1PM-4PM EST
Topic 3: Women Survivors of Torture and Settlement	Thursday, December 8th 2022 @ 1PM-4PM EST
Topic 4: Silent Victims - Youth Settlement Needs	Thursday, January 12th 2023 @ 1PM-4PM EST
Topic 5: Self-Care & Vicarious Trauma - Team Approaches and Social Support	Thursday, February 9th 2023 @ 1PM-4PM EST



Canadian Council
for Refugees
Conseil canadien
pour les réfugiés

The CCR's Youth Network is incredibly excited to offer **10 scholarship opportunities** to newcomers and refugee youth every year until 2030. This amazing initiative was made possible thanks to the collaboration of the **Canadian Lutheran World Relief** and the generous donation of **Daniel Schickedanz**.

This scholarship program has been created to support young newcomers as they:

- Play a role in creating a positive social change;
- Prepare to be active citizens promoting diversity and advocating for refugee and immigrant rights. [SEP]

The CCR Youth Network Core Team will review the applications and select applicants based on criteria along two streams: a) educational commitment and b) community engagement.

Do you work with or know of youth that would be interested in this scholarship? **Share this opportunity and encourage them to apply before September 19, 2022!**

[Details here](#)



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On the **first anniversary of Francisco Rico-Martinez's passing**, August 13th 2021, CCR is launching a new call for applications for the **Access to Justice Award**. The award was created to honour Francisco's leadership over three decades within the CCR.

Francisco Rico-Martinez worked tirelessly to protect and seek justice for the uprooted. As President of the Canadian Council for Refugees from 1997 to 2001 and holding numerous other positions in the organization through the years, and as co-founder of the FCJ Refugee Centre – he never stopped being a fearless leader, a teacher, an inspiration, a model, and a companion along the way, within the CCR and throughout refugee and immigration advocacy communities.

Details: The award, in an amount of up to \$10,000 each year, will be given to projects designed to advance access to justice in an area within the mandate of the CCR in one or both of two fields: **Capacity building** and **Advocacy**.

Who is eligible: The award will be given on an annual basis to an individual, group of individuals or organization to support them in pursuing a project aligned with Francisco's core commitments.

Deadline to Apply: October 16

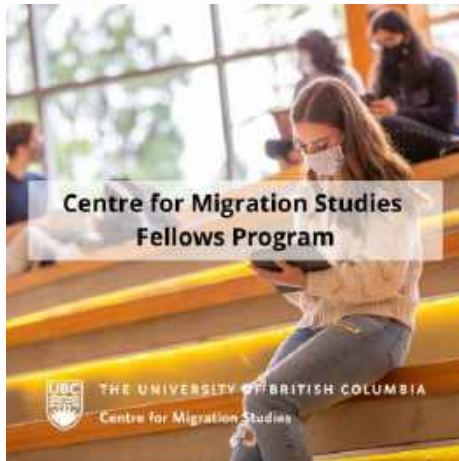
[**APPLY NOW**](#)

[Please consider donating to support this award](#)



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Centre for Migration Studies

The weekly update can be viewed in your [browser](#)



Past Events

Missed a talk you really wanted to attend?

Check out these most viewed event recordings:

- [Mobility Justice, Climate Migration, and the Lessons of Pandemic \(Im\)Mobilities](#) with Mimi Sheller.

For other event recordings, visit our [YouTube Channel](#).



REPEATS



Invitan:



Poster attached

Échate un taco! Ven a cenar

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

Evergreen Hall
45580 Spadina Avenue, Chilliwack
Tramites, Cena,
Rifas y Juegos
5 PM - 8 PM

Julio 24 - Agosto 28 - Septiembre 25



Contáctanos



(778) 683 - 3419
(778) 791 - 3419
(778) 723 - 3419

Burnaby Neighbourhood House presents a range of sessions for Arabic-speaking newcomers.

For more details, please feel free to contact Karima Osman, our Case Manager at: KarimaO@burnabynh.ca

Settlement & Integration Program

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



Orientations to BC for Arabic Newcomers

Date: August 22, August 29, and September 5, 2022.
Time: 10:00AM -12:00PM
online Via Zoom

This virtual session will be in Arabic and it will focus on BC's:

- general overview of the Lower Mainland
- public transport system
- education system
- available community resources

ستكون هذه الجلسة الافتراضية باللغة العربية وستركز على ما يلي:
نظرة عامة على فانكوفر والمناطق المحيطة بها
نظام النقل العام
نظام التعليم
موارد المجتمع المتاحة

To register please contact:
Karimao@Burnabynh.ca
Contact # (236) 877-2517

WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

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دروس زومبا سيدات فقط

ZUMBA CLASSES Ladies Only

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

8 Sessions in 2 Months EVERY MONDAY, STARTING JULY 18

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

An invitation to women and girls to spend a time of joy, and stay fit

Child care is available

8 جلسات لمدة شهرين كل يوم اثنين - بدءاً من 18 يوليو

دعوة للسيدات والفتيات للاستمتاع واللياقة البدنية
رعاية الأطفال متوفرة

4460 BERESFORD ST. FLOOR 3
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Parenting Classes

Parenting sessions with Ms. Mona Al-Harbi

Date: July 28, 2022
Time: 6 PM
Online via Zoom

The program is presented online through Zoom and for 8 weeks



جلسات للإرشاد و التوجيه الاسرى و الاستاذة منى الحربى

يوم الخميس 28 يوليو 2022 الساعة 6 مساءً
البرنامج يقدم اونلاين من خلال الزووم و لمدة 8 اسابيع

To register please contact:
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We're looking to hire an **Employment Coordinator** who will help develop and run Kinbrace's Employment Program to help refugee claimants gain meaningful employment and increase their economic stability.

Employment Coordinator

- 18-months contract
- 25hrs/week
- \$25.75/hr + benefits

[Full Employment Coordinator Job Posting](#)

Interviews will be ongoing with qualified candidates as resumes are received. To find out more and to apply, please go to:

<https://kinbrace.ca/current-opportunities/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

KINBRACE is also looking for Volunteers!



We need volunteers for our Housing and Beyond Refuge programs:

Housing Volunteer

Assisting Kinbrace residents as they transition into permanent housing.

Beyond Refuge Companion

Journeying with people who are newly arrived in Canada and on a refugee protection pathway.

Beyond Refuge Volunteer

Facilitating and supporting Canadians and newly arrived refugee claimant as they connect and journey on a path of mutual transformation.

To find out more about these volunteer opportunities, please go to: <https://kinbrace.ca/volunteer/>

From

Derek Chu – Director of Operations, Kinbrace



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CCR will be hosting the [Summer 2022 Working Group meetings in person](#), in Montréal!

We look forward to seeing you for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic we hope you can join us!

Why should you attend?

- Participate in efforts to promote refugee and immigrant protection and resettlement
- Discuss in depth pressing issues affecting refugees and immigrants in Canada
- Share information and strategies with others across Canada

Where: at the [Palais des Congrès](#), 201 Av. Viger O., Montréal.

[Click here for a map of the area](#). The venue is located by the Place d'Armes metro station.

Schedule:

- Fri. Sept. 9, 9AM - 5PM: **Overseas Protection and Resettlement**
- Sat. Sept. 10, 9AM - 5PM: **Inland Protection**
- Sat. Sept. 10, 9AM - 5PM: **Immigration and Settlement**

A **broad range of topics will be on the agenda**, including emerging issues:

- For OPR: the latest on resettlement processing, equity in resettlement, follow up from the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement
- For IP: the latest on refugee claim processing, refugee family reunification, regularization
- For all Working Groups: we will discuss IRCC's anti-racism efforts, quality of services in immigration and refugee processing

[Register](#)

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. [Check the CCR website to register](#)



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Frog Hollow

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Creating Our Community Together

Food Security Programs at Frog Hollow

Everyone has the right to secure food!

Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House believes in the power of good food. We believe good food has the power to build health, connect people, and inspire people to become engaged in issues that matter to them. [Read more>>](#)

Our programs: Multicultural Food Skills Exchange

- Gardeners' Hangout
- Harvest Festival
- Community Program Gardens
- [Community Connections Blog](#)
- Neighbourhood Pantry
- Kids in the Kitchen
- Holiday Hamper Support

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Newsletter!
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Free and Low-cost Food Programs in Vancouver Find locations to access free, low-cost groceries and meals, including food banks in Vancouver. The map is updated regularly with current food program information.

- Online: [Free and low cost food programs map](#)
- Print-friendly: [Free and low cost food services map PDF file \(842 KB\)](#)

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GENDER DIVERSITY STATUS OF COUPLES IS CAPTURED FOR THE FIRST TIME: ABOUT 1 IN EVERY 250 COUPLES INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE TRANSGENDER OR NON-BINARY PERSON

In the 2021 Census, couples could be classified according to their [gender diversity status](#) for the first time. Gender diversity status refers to whether both members of a couple are [cisgender](#)—meaning their reported gender corresponds to their reported sex at birth—or whether at least one member is [transgender](#) or [non-binary](#). In addition, among cisgender couples, a distinction can be made between those composed of two people of different genders (a [different-gender couple](#)) and those composed of two people of the same gender (a [same-gender couple](#)).

The ability to identify the prevalence and distribution of gender diversity among couples represents another step in Statistics Canada's continuing efforts to better [reflect societal changes](#) and [produce statistical information on diverse population groups](#).

In 2021, most (98.5%) of Canada's 8.6 million couples were different-gender couples, meaning they included one woman and one man, both of whom were cisgender.

An additional 1.5% of couples (127,640) were either same-gender couples, transgender couples or non-binary couples...[Read more](#)

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HOUSEHOLD AFTER-TAX INCOME GROWTH ACCELERATES, PARTICULARLY AMONG FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, DRIVEN BY INCREASES IN GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS

While employment income is the main source of income for Canadian households, many also receive investment income and government transfers and pay income taxes. This section focuses on household after-tax income, which combines income from all sources and subtracts income taxes paid by all household members. After-tax income is seen to better represent the income Canadians have to support their consumption, investment and savings needs.

Median household after-tax income grew 9.8% to \$73,000 from 2015 to 2020. Growth during this period far outpaced that of the previous intercensal period. In comparison, median household after-tax income grew 4.5% from 2010 to 2015, when the Canadian economy was rebounding from the 2008/2009 recession.

The faster growth from 2015 to 2020 reflects a combination of the effects of the pandemic on the labour market that reduced household earnings in 2020, the pandemic relief programs that offset this reduction in earnings and the successive increases in child benefits during this period...[Read more](#)

MAP (Multi-Agency Partnership) Bulletin August 24, 2022
Income in BC PDF attached

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The Census Program Data Viewer (CPDV) is an advanced web-based data visualization tool that helps make statistical information more interpretable by presenting key indicators in a statistical dashboard. It also enables users to easily compare indicator values and identify relationships between indicators.

[Census Program Data Viewer](#)
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