



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 133

July 6, 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 BULLETINS OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS

MAP meetings take a break over July/August – and bulletins will be reduced too. For your article submission here are the bulletin dates:

July 6, 20, August 10, 24 – regular weekly bulletins will resume on September 7.

Any urgent and important notices will still be sent out as they are received.

MAP CO-CHAIR POSITION

MAP is in urgent need of a co-chair for a limited role associated only with the organization and chairing of MAP meetings. In time for our September start up please consider if you can help MAP in this way.

Job descriptions provided on request; core duties are:

- With the assistance of the MAP Coordinator identify speakers for upcoming MAP meetings based on emerging needs and themes
- Approve the Agenda
- Chair the meetings: 2.5 hours once a month for 9 months (no meetings in December/July/August)
- Attend meetings with full MAP Executive on a weekly basis (1 hour)

TOTAL HOURS PER MONTH: 10

Requirements for the role:

- You work with a MAP member agency who works with refugee claimants
- You have the support of your supervisor to become engaged with MAP, and MAP membership approval
- You are available for weekly meetings at a time to the 2 co-chairs' convenience.

If you are interested please email Thanh Lam at TLam@mpnh.org

Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants

Thanh Lam and Jenny Moss. MAP Executive

EXTREME HEAT SAFETY WORKSHOP

JULY - AUGUST 2022

- ✓ WHAT ARE THE HEALTH RISKS?
- ✓ WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STAY COOL?
- ✓ HOW TO CARE FOR SOMEONE WITH HEAT RELATED ILLNESS?



STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER

Book a workshop for yourself, a group or your organization today.

RECEIVE FREE COOLING KITS!

Contact: Faith Tang
ftang@reachcentre.bc.ca or 604-245-3838



Hello!

This summer, REACH will be running both online and in person workshops where we will dive into the 2 most common climate emergencies in the summer – extreme heat and wildfire smoke. The workshops will cover the different health risks of extreme heat and wildfire smoke. Learn how to identify symptoms of heat related illnesses, how to take care of yourself and others, and tips to stay cool at home.

You can contact me at 604-245-3838 or ftang@reachcentre.bc.ca to arrange for a workshop for your community members and groups or your staff!

Warm regards,
Faith

(Poster attached in PDF)

Legal Aid BC

Support when you need it



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

Upcoming free webinar

Refugee claimants and admissibility issue

 **Tuesday, July 26 |  10:30 AM - 12:30 PM PDT**

In this session our speaker will review the refugee process from the importance of a Basis of Claim to Preparation for the Hearing. There will be a discussion on admissibility criteria about why certain applicants do not have access to the refugee determination system. Lastly, the speaker will talk about the advantages and disadvantages of making an application on Humanitarian and Compassionate grounds or proceeding with a Refugee Claim if denial would result in a Removal Order.

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

Click below to register.

[Register now!](#)

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

Missed a live session?

No problem! We have recorded them for you!

Rights of vulnerable immigrants



Legal Aid BC



This webinar focuses on two groups of immigrants who are amongst the most vulnerable: migrant workers and victims of family violence. Our speaker Kamaljit Lehal covers the rights and remedies of these immigrants to assist them in escaping abusive workplaces and abusive family relationships.

Watch [here](#)

Recorded on: June 16, 2022

Length: 2 hours

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

In this Virtual Information Session, Peter Christensen from Social and Discretionary Policy and Programs at **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)** will discuss the fundamental and complex topic of the differences between immigration information and immigration advice. He will clarify the Settlement Worker's role and boundaries in the provision of immigration supports and will include situational examples. The session will be helpful for frontline settlement staff and will include a Q&A session.

The Government of Canada's 2022-2024 Immigration Levels Plan outlines an ambitious plan to welcome newcomers, and settlement workers sometimes feel pressured to support clients with their immigration applications. However, it is important for staff to be aware of the scope of their role and the services they are legally allowed to provide in accordance with the provisions highlighted in Section 91 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA). It is essential for Settlement Workers to confidently and clearly be able to distinguish between immigration information and advice.

[Click here to Register](#)



Presenter: Peter Christensen - Assistant Director, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (Immigration Consultants Unit)

To submit questions for the presenter ahead of the presentation:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GDJYN9Cat>

For any other questions about the event please email Savrina at skarimi@amssa.org

Job opportunity with PICS (Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) Society

Punjabi Settlement Worker (see full job description and application procedure in the PDF attached)

Job Title: *Settlement Worker (Punjabi/Hindi Clients)*

Hours of Work: 30 + hours per week (Permanent)

Reports To: Director of Language, Settlement and Social Programs

Location: PICS Head Office (Surrey, BC)

Job Summary: Under direction of Director of Language, Settlement & Social Programs, the Settlement Worker provides immigrant and refugee newcomers with information and referrals about Canada and BC society and systems, guidance and support, organizes, plans and implements workshops, group orientations and information sessions on Settlement related issues to new immigrants.

Applications to: career@pics.bc.ca

Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) Society

Unit #205, 12725 - 80th Avenue, Surrey, BC V3W 3A6

Tel: 604.596.7722, ext: 107 **Fax:** 604.596.7721

www.pics.bc.ca

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ساعة ١٠٠-٤:٣



دعوة للسيدات و البنات لقضاء وقت من
البهجة و الاحتفال ومشاركة الطعام
رسم حنة عرض ازياء العيد للبنات
طبق مشاركة للغداء سويا
و فقرات كثيرة متنوعة
يتوفر حضانة للاطفال

EID PARTY

WEDNESDAY JULY 13

1:00-4:30

An invitation to women and girls to spend
a time of joy, celebration and enjoy food
Henna drawing, and a Eid fashion show
for girls

Sharing dishes for lunch together

And many different events

Child care is available

**4460 BERESFORD ST.
FLOOR 3**

To register please contact:

Karimao@Burnabynh.ca
Contact # (236) 877-2517

WWW.BURNABYNH.CA

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (saililwataʔ), Kwikwetlem (kwikwəlam), Squamish (Sḡw̓w̓7mesh Úxwumkw̓) and Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəjəm) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

BURNABY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

EID PARTY

This is an invitation to an upcoming event on Wednesday, July 13th at BNH for Eid celebrations among women and girls.

For more information, please contact Karima Osman, our Case Manager at karimao@burnabynh.ca

POSTER ATTACHED



4460 Beresford Street
Burnaby, BC V5H 0B8
(In front of Metrolink
Skytrain)
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Good day,

As a [Windmill MicroLending](#) partner, we wanted to let you know about an upcoming informational webinar you can share with your clients and stakeholders. It's called **Achieve your career goals with Windmill MicroLending**. We intend to host webinars such as these monthly, moving forward.

This event is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 2:00PM EST, 12:00PM MST, 11:00AM PST.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

In a time of rapid change, it can be challenging to restart and grow your career in a new country. Windmill MicroLending can help you achieve your career goals by offering affordable loans of up to \$15,000. Please join us to learn how our loans can help cover costs such as:

- Course tuition and program fees
- Licensing exams
- Books and equipment
- Language training
- Living expenses such as daycare, rent, etc.

We'll also highlight our other client success supports to help you succeed in relaunching your career in Canada. Please direct questions about Windmill loans or the webinar [here](#).

The Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL) is pleased to introduce its new digital law journal, the *CARL Review of Refugee Law and Practice*.

The *Review* supports CARL's mission to foster the professional development of its members and enhance the practice of immigration and refugee law in Canada. Content will include short, timely pieces in either French or English on a range of topics, touching on both policy and practice, and representing diverse viewpoints. **Refugee lawyers, law students and refugee advocates** are invited to contribute, regardless of whether they are CARL members. The *Review* aims to publish in December of each calendar year and will be distributed to CARL members and contributing authors by email as a PDF attachment.

Please send an email to journal@carl-acaadr.ca to view the Submission Guidelines. Deadline for submissions is October 1, 2022.

Pia Zambelli & Audrey Macklin, Editorial Board

journal@carl-acaadr.ca

Statistics Canada is delighted to invite you to our **free** upcoming webinar.



What is the 2021 Census of Population Webinar Series?

We will be presenting a 2021 Census of Population Webinar Series, which is based on our most recent census, held on May 11, 2021. The webinars will be presented after the [major data releases](#) scheduled between February 9 and November 30, 2022 and will share information on census concepts, data products, and resources available from the 2021 Census.

Please note: Advanced registration is required.

2021 Census Webinar Series: Families, Households and Marital Status, Canadian Military Experience, and Income

Description:

On July 13, 2022, Statistics Canada will be releasing the third set of results from the 2021 Census of Population.

This release presents a portrait of Canada's families and households as well as the income profile of Canadians. For the first time in its history, the 2021 census will also include data on Canadian military experience across the country.

The census webinar will provide you with an overview of key results, including:

- Marital status and family structure, with – for the first time ever – data on the gender diversity of couples
- Income concepts and definitions
- Results, how to access data products and resources online and more.

Following the presentation, Statistics Canada officials will be available to answer questions

Date/time and registration:

In English: July 20, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Eastern Time

Self-Register: [English Webinar on July 20, 2022](#)

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Outreach Program / Collection and Regional Services Branch

Statistics Canada / Government of Canada

WESTINFO@statcan.gc.ca

Virtual Ready Tours on Microsoft Teams will be offered on the following dates:

- **July 15th (Friday)** - 9:30-11:30am
- **July 29th (Friday)** - 9:30-11:30am

**Referral:**

To refer a client to the Ready Tour please email ready@refugeeclaim.ca, or go to [www.https://refugeeclaim.ca/en/ready-tours/](https://refugeeclaim.ca/en/ready-tours/).

Interpretation:

Interpretation can be provided for anyone who requires it. Please indicate in the referral email what language is required.

Contact:

For more information contact: Masi Allahverdi / Ready Tour Organizer / ready@refugeeclaim.ca / 604-362-1070
masi@kinbrace.ca



Youth Cooking Connections: Teen2Chef

A Free Cooking Program for Newcomer Teens

Discover the joy of cooking in this eight-week program with delicious healthy recipes designed for teenagers ages 13-19

- Learn how to make simple recipes that are delicious and easy to make
- Let's talk about eating healthy and why it's important
- Make new friends from other schools and practice speaking English
- Learn how to make your favourite foods from around the world in our community kitchen!
- Receive a free Recipe kit for you to take home and try your hand at cooking at home
- Free complimentary membership to our facilities during the duration of the program
- FREE but Registration is required. **Open to Permanent Residents/Convention Refugees and CUAET participants only**

When:

Fridays, July 8 – August 26
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Where:

Robert Lee YMCA
955 Burrard Street

Please register on Eventbrite:

<https://cfsteen2chef.eventbrite.ca>

Contact us at:

connections@gv.ymca.ca

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From
YMCA

Vancouver
(new MAP
member)

**Posters
attached**



Tennis Boot Camp for Youth

YMCA Immigrant Services
For Permanent Residents and Convention Refugees Only

Are you between 16 - 24 years of age? Join us for this 8-week Summer Camp!

- Learn the basics of Tennis fundamentals using Tennis Canada's successful progressive tennis model with coaches from Tennis BC
 - Improve your form and skill on the court
 - Make new friends and practice speaking English
 - Be active and have fun safely this summer
 - No experience or equipment required
 - Participants will receive a complimentary membership to our fitness centre for the length of the program
 - Learn about volunteering
- *If you are between 25 and 30 years old please contact us.

When: Thursdays, July 7 – August 25

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Where: Downtown Vancouver Core

To register and for more information:

<https://tennisforyouth.eventbrite.ca>

This program will be in person and will take place in line with current health and safety guidelines

Email us: connections@gv.ymca.ca

Call us at: 778 990 4856

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Building healthy
communities

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Find a Care Provider with Pathways Medical Care Directory

Do you work with clients who are in need of a primary care provider? Pathways Medical Care Directory is a resource that enables patients to search for health care providers in their community, including: Family Physicians who are accepting new patients

- Walk-in clinics
- Maternity care clinics
- Virtual care options
- COVID-19 testing and vaccination information

To access the Pathways Medical Care Directory, [CLICK HERE.](#)

(Information gratefully collected from the SND Div of Family Practice PCN Community Partner Update)

Spotlight on the IHART Program: Health Care for Underhoused Patients (Fraser Health)

- The IHART teams provide low barrier, responsive, culturally safe and integrated inter-professional in-reach and wrap-around care to clients. Utilizing a team-based model of care, the primary objectives of the teams are to: Identify and respond to health, mental health and substance use (MHSU) issues.
- Connect individuals to needed health, mental health, or substance use supports or services.
- Stabilize and treat chronic health conditions.
- Support transitions to a new shelter or housing in collaboration with housing and social sector partners to ensure individuals' health needs are met.
- Support stability in new housing through continuity of care and quick response to escalating or destabilizing health, mental health, or substance use concerns.
- Reduce the risk of overdose and other severe and life-threatening incidents by providing harm reduction supplies, education or a safe supply of substances.
- Address people's health care concerns directly in their communities to prevent unnecessary visits to emergency departments.

IHART Teams

To ensure an integrated and holistic approach to care, each IHART team includes clinicians who demonstrate specialized competency in mental health/substance use, primary care support, intervention and public health navigation.

Eligibility Criteria Adults 19 years of age or older.

- Are homeless or precariously housed or living in shelters or encampments.
- Are not connected to other health care supports or services.
- Have current health issues that would benefit from medical and/or mental health (MH) and/or substance use (SU) services.

If you have any questions or would like more information about IHART, please contact Tabitha McLaughlin at tabitha.mclaughlin@fraserhealth.ca.



VIFF Catalyst Mentorship Program

Applications now open for 2022!

Applications are now open for [VIFF Catalyst](#) – a cohort-based facilitated mentorship program for emerging filmmakers looking to bring their projects to the next level.

Over the course of the 2022 festival (September 29 – October 9), 15 Catalyst participants will be given the opportunity to meet mentor artists and film professionals in facilitated group sessions and one-on-one meetings specifically catered to the mentees' practices, interests, and needs.

Selected participants will also receive a full festival pass and a professional stipend to help offset any economic impact of attending the program.

[APPLY NOW](#)

Who should apply?

The Catalyst program is open to Lower Mainland-based self-identifying emerging filmmakers (directors or writer/directors) who:

- have demonstrated a commitment to grow an artistic practice
- are at least 19 years old when the program starts
- self-identify as facing institutional barriers within the mainstream film industry and/or independent filmmaking communities including filmmakers who are Indigenous, Black, people of colour, 2SLGBTQ+, women, low-income, neurodiverse, newcomers, and/or differently abled.
- have created a film, video or moving-image project (optional)

We invite eligible applicants to **apply by Friday, July 29 at 11:59pm PDT.**

Contact Us

Please contact Catalyst Programmer Laura Arboleda at catalyst@viff.org with any questions or if you require accessibility accommodations for the application process.

Key Dates

July 29 Catalyst applications close

August Catalyst cohort selected

Sept 29 Vancouver International Film Festival 2022 



Canadian Council
for Refugees
Conseil canadien
pour les réfugiés

Dear CCR member,

Mark your calendars! We are officially announcing that we will be holding our **Fall 2022 Consultation in person in Toronto, November 24-26!**

It will be so good to see you after 2 years! We are hoping that you will be able join us in Toronto.

We can already share a few details with you about this event:

- The location: Marriott Courtyard Toronto Downtown
- The theme: Towards equity and anti-racism in Canada's immigration system
- The content: 15 workshops, 3 plenaries and one social event
- The event website: [Fall 2022 Consultation](#). It is your go-to to find information about accommodation (early bird fees), registration (early bird fees), program, etc. We will be updating the website with new information in the next weeks and months so bookmark this page and check it often for updates!

Canadian Council
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• Toronto, November 24-26

**Fall 2022
Consultation**

Refugee Appeal Division (RAD) Information Session *Wednesday*
August 31st, 2022, 1:00pm-03:00pm

This is a free online orientation session for refugee claimants to learn about the refugee appeal process. Whether claimants are still waiting for their hearing date, waiting for the outcome of their hearing, or have received a negative decision, this session is for all refugee claimants at any stage of the process who would like to learn more about how to make an appeal.

Poster attached

Claimants will meet an officer of the Refugee Appeal Division (Immigration and Refugee Board) and have their questions answered:

- Who is eligible to appeal to the Refugee Appeal Division?
- What are the deadlines for filing an appeal?
- What do I need to do to file an appeal?

Register or refer now by emailing ***your name*** to masi@kinbrace.ca

*All refugee claimants as well as service providers are welcome to attend. If there are any questions or concerns, please let me know.

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**Refugee Appeal
Division (RAD)**

**INFORMATION
SESSIONS**

**Next virtual session:
31 August 2022 • 1:00pm PST**

A free orientation session for refugee claimants to learn about the refugee appeal process.

- Do you wonder what will happen if you receive a negative decision at your refugee hearing?
- Have you received a negative decision already?

This session is for all refugee claimants at any stage of the process who would like to learn more about how to make an appeal.

Meet an officer of the Refugee Appeal Division (Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada) and have your questions answered:

- Who is eligible to appeal to the Refugee Appeal Division?
- What are the deadlines for filing an appeal?
- What do I need to do to file an appeal?

**Register now by emailing Masi Allahverdi:
masi@kinbrace.ca**