



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 147

November 16, 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 Survey HAPPENING NOW!

Have your say in MAP BC's future! **Please complete this survey: <https://form.jotform.com/223076215630044> by Thursday November 24, 2022!**

We want each agency to provide one response. The input should be gathered from all: frontline workers, managers and directors as well as volunteers if appropriate. Please take some time at your staff meeting to discuss the questions and collect feedback. Thank you!

NEXT MAP Meeting: Thursday Nov 24 at 9:30 am at ISSofBC, Victoria Drive, Vancouver.

The presentation, titled **Options to PR:** (focusing on H and C versus Refugee claims and victims of family violence) will be provided by Prabh Sangha, expert in refugee law with a specialty in appeals. Don't miss it!

IN FOCUS sessions: Asylum Seekers: Everything you thought you knew about Canadian Refugee Law

SURREY: The presentation is rescheduled for Tuesday November 22 at 6pm, Room 120, Surrey Centre Library

VANCOUVER: Vancouver Public Library – Renfrew Branch on Monday November 28 at 6:30 pm

Posters inside and attached

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

Thanh Lam, Sireen ElNashar and Jenny Moss. MAP Executive

Get a COVID-19 booster



📌 This year, you can get a free flu vaccine at the same appointment where you get your fall COVID-19 booster.

Ongoing boosters

For full protection, everyone 5 and older needs ongoing booster doses. Invitations are sent on a rolling basis, 6 months after your last dose. For most people, it's best to get a booster dose around periods of increased risk like the fall and winter months.

Understand your vaccine options

The vaccine offered for your booster will depend on your age group.

18 and older

You will be offered the bivalent Moderna or Pfizer vaccine for your next booster.

Bivalent vaccines provide better protection against the Omicron variants of COVID-19.

12 to 17

You will be offered the bivalent Pfizer vaccine for your next booster.

It doesn't matter what vaccine you received for your initial vaccination series.

5 to 11

Your child will be offered a smaller dosage of the same Pfizer mRNA vaccine used for youth and adults.

I want a non-mRNA booster

mRNA vaccines are the best choice for a booster dose because they provide the most effective protection against COVID-19.

If you're 18 or older and would prefer a non-mRNA vaccine, you can get the [Novavax vaccine](#) or [Johnson & Johnson vaccine](#).

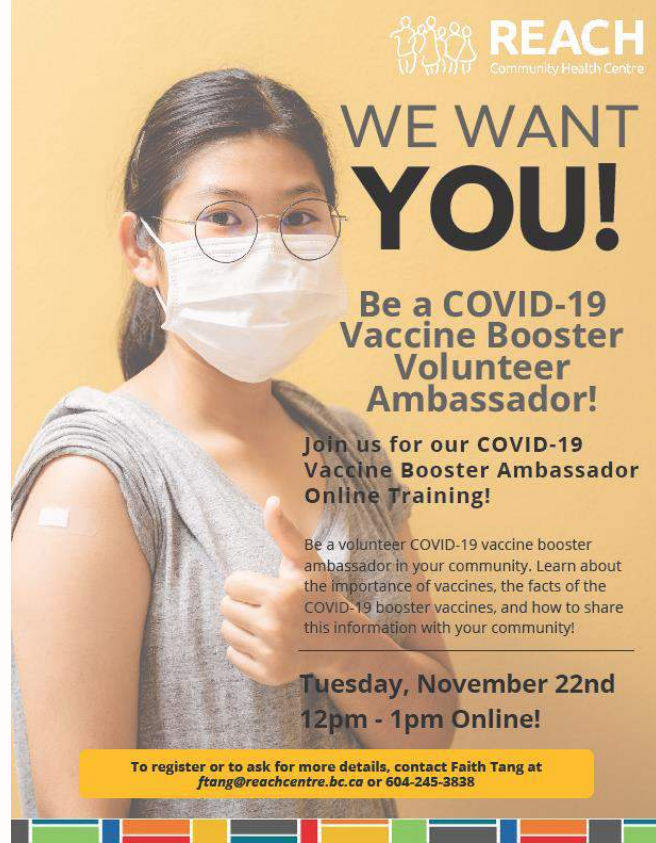
Book an appointment at a location near you

You will receive a personalized booking invitation when it's time to book your dose.

Appointments are available in community pharmacies and health authority clinics at a time to fit your schedule. The appointment only takes **15 to 30 minutes**. You can go alone or as a family.

Please see this information in FARSI and ARABIC attached in PDF

Poster attached



Good afternoon!!

Next week, REACH will be hosting a special opportunity for our community members to become **volunteer ambassadors for the COVID-19 vaccine boosters!**

You are welcome to join and/or promote this event to your clients in the community to join as well.

In this special training, you will learn:

- How to talk to people about COVID-19 vaccine boosters by creating trust and initiating conversations
- Where to find reliable information related to the COVID-19 vaccine boosters
- Facts about the COVID-19 vaccine boosters
- How to navigate misinformation

The training is online from 12-1pm on Tuesday, November 22nd. **To register for the online link or to ask questions, community members can contact me at 604-245-3838 or ftang@reachcentre.bc.ca**

Faith Tang (she/her), CTRS
Recreation Therapist and Public Health Coordinator, Program Development
Work Days: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
REACH Community Health Centre
Program Development Phone: 604-245-3838
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Message from IRCC November 16:

Today, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada introduced a new temporary measure that will accelerate work permit issuance for asylum claimants in Canada.

Under this measure, a work permit will be issued for individuals in Canada following their eligibility determination, and prior to the in-person interview and referral to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB). This includes claims currently in the backlog and those submitted, going forward.

In order to receive a work permit under this accelerated process, the asylum claimant must:

- provide their biometrics (by scheduled appointment or at the Port of Entry at the time you make your claim)
- complete and submit all required information and documents, through, for example:
 - [Canadian Refugee Protection Portal \(CRPP\)](#), or the
 - [IRCC Asylum Portal](#) or alternate means by request [Request to submit your refugee claim on paper from inside Canada - Canada.ca.](#))
- complete an immigration medical exam with a [panel physician designated by IRCC](#)

The application for a work permit will automatically be generated once the above noted criteria has been met and the refugee application has received a positive eligibility determination. No additional information or forms are required for this accelerated measure.

What remains the same:

- IRCC will continue to issue an Acknowledgement of Claim document after receipt of a **complete** online application and supporting documentation. This document provides Interim Federal Health Program coverage.
- The ineligibility grounds remain the same but the eligibility decision on claims will be made prior to the Minister's Delegate Review/interview/referral to the IRB.
- In order for the claim to be referred to the IRB and for the claimant to receive their Refugee Protection Claimant Document, they must attend a refugee claim interview with an officer in one of our refugee intake offices in Canada at a later date.
- Work permits will be valid for two years from their issue date

How to receive work permit

The application for a work permit will automatically be generated once the above noted criteria has been met following an assessment of the refugee application. Once instructions are sent, including the Acknowledgment of Claim, an immigration medical examination with a panel physician must be completed, and/or biometrics captured, as these steps are required in order for the work permit to be issued.

The work permit will be issued as soon as the immigration medical examination has been completed.

Once the work permit has been issued, it will be sent to the mailing address of the claimant. It is important that addresses are kept up to date. To change an address, please refer [online](#) or [through our Web form](#).

This temporary measure is expected to remain in effect for 18 months, however, we will continue to monitor the situation.

Message from CBSA received Nov 16:

The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) has imposed an Administrative Deferral of Removals (ADR) on Iran as of November 14, 2022.

CBSA explains: “As you may be aware, the CBSA may impose an ADR when immediate action is needed to temporarily defer removals in situations of humanitarian crisis. An ADR may be imposed when removals are not possible (e.g., airport/airspace closures) or when the impact of the catastrophic event is so pervasive and widespread that it would be inconceivable to return anyone to that country until some degree of safety is restored. An ADR is generally imposed under short timeframes in consultation with our partners at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and Global Affairs Canada. Once conditions improve, a decision is made on whether removals can be reinstated.

It is important to note that foreign nationals who are inadmissible and subject to removal on grounds of criminality, international or human rights violations, organized crime, or security, do not benefit from the stay of removal imposed by an ADR. As well, individuals who wish to depart voluntarily may also affect their removal from Canada.”

News Highlights:

Refugee claimant-related articles from Canada and around the world.

November 16, 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:*

[New data shows big boost in hiring at Canada's immigration department](#)

Toronto Star

November 14

[Rolling out a careful welcome mat](#)

Toronto Sun

November 6

[Obstacles ahead to reach new immigration goal](#)

Toronto Sun

November 2

[The number of Mexican asylum seekers in Canada has increased dramatically](#)

CTV

November 4

[Immigrants wanted for Canada's small towns](#)

New Canadian Media

November 15, 2022

[Cenovus pledges \\$45,000 to programs for newcomers in Calgary](#)

Calgary Herald

November 7

[Prince George opens arms to refugees](#)

Prince George Citizen

November 10



For all courses please contact us at office@impactnorthshore.ca or 604-988-2931

Online Parenting Teens Workshop (English/Mandarin)

6:30-8:00 pm, Nov 17th

In this online session, you will learn from a School Counsellor about supporting your child's mental health during adolescence. Topics included are the role of the school counsellor, mental and physical health, common issues and stressors facing immigrant teens & their families, youth mental health support, and support for parents.

Online Canadian Workplace Culture (English)

4:00-5:30 pm, Nov 17th

You will learn about the cultural differences between the workplace in your home country and Canada. Although the work environment varies according to the type of work and employer, there are common principles you should know to help you in the job placement.

Topics included are examples of culture division, familiarity with manners and effective communication in the workplace, and the impact of familiarity with workplace culture in job placement and work retention.

Preparing to Apply for University (English/Farsi)

North Vancouver City Library

1:00-3:00 pm, Nov 20th

Join this workshop for newcomer youth to learn from students currently attending local universities. Students from UBC and SFU will provide secondary school youth with information and insights on how to apply for university. Topics will include academic programs selection, admission requirements (e.g., English prerequisites, etc.), and application process.



Online Safety for Families and Children Workshop (English)

10:00-11:30 am

Nov 22nd



Join this workshop to learn about internet safety for families and children, and steps to take to protect your children safe online. You will learn about internet safety and how to set rules with your child, how to protect your children online, and how to use technology and apps to protect your children online.

Online Assertiveness in Workplace Workshop (Farsi)

10:00-12:00 am

Nov 22nd

In this workshop for professional immigrant women, you will learn about workplace communication, and why it is important to be assertive. Topics included are definition of assertiveness as an essential communication tool, why assertiveness is important, pros and cons of assertiveness, how to express your opinion respectfully, and how to be more assertive.

Online Career and Mental Health Workshop (Farsi)

4:00-5:30 pm

Nov 22nd



Stress can be a part of the job search process! Is there any way you can stay calm when you're looking for a job? By participating in this workshop, you will learn how to keep believing in your strengths and get the most out of your job searches. In this workshop, you will learn how to increase your confidence, develop a growth mindset to overcome challenges, hone your skills, and get tips on resume and cover letter writing. This workshop will assist you to optimize your LinkedIn profile and secure a job offer in the interviews you have.

Online Self-Employment for Newcomers Workshop (Farsi)

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Nov 22nd



[Self-employment for Newcomers](#) workshop helps you develop your business plan and learn how to launch your business in Canada. Join this workshop to learn about eligibility criteria, registration process, program structure, and program curriculum.

Online Parenting Teens Workshop (Mandarin)

9:30-11:30 am

Nov 22nd

In this workshop, parents have self-reflection and share the experiences and challenges of parenting adolescents. Topics include supporting your children's physical and mental health, family communication skills, stress and coping strategies.

Online BC Family Benefits

10:00 am- 12:00 pm

Nov 24th

In this workshop you will learn about benefits and assistance programs available for families with children under 18 years of age. Topics included are CCTB and GST/HST, Child Care Subsidy, and Rental Assistance.

For all courses please contact us at office@impactnorthshore.ca or 604-988-2931

Employment Opportunity

Position: Program Manager, Pathways to Childcare Careers
Hours: 35 hrs/week
Location: Virtual and in-person at our Vancouver office
Compensation: \$32.17 to \$34.14/hour – depending on qualifications
Start date: January 3, 2023
Deadline to apply: December 2, 2022

Job Purpose

Pacific Immigrant Resources Society (PIRS) is a community-based, non-profit organization serving immigrant and refugee women and their young children since 1975. PIRS delivers accessible, inclusive, low-barrier programs for immigrant and refugee women and their children that create a sense of belonging, meaningful participation and leadership.

The purpose of the Program Manager position is to manage all aspects of the Pathways to Childcare Careers program that prepares immigrant and refugee women to enter the childcare field through training, workplace experience, employment counselling and other support. This position reports to the Director of Programs.

Key Responsibilities

1. Project Management

- Working collaboratively with the Coordinator, lead the planning, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of all program activities, including the delivery of English language and other instruction, workplace experience placement and supervision, participant recruitment, support, and employment counselling
 - Ensure that PIRS is meeting its funded target deliverables within budget and according to the work plan
 - Lead program team members, provide mentorship and coaching support
 - Build and maintain relationships with various project stakeholders, including program funders, partners and participants
 - Develop and maintain relationships with childcare service providers to ensure adequate and quality workplace experience placements for program participants
 - Ensure that the program is aligned with the principles and values of PIRS in all of its aspects
 - Report on the program to the funder, internally and other stakeholders as needed
- Liaise with other PIRS departments as needed

1874 Kingsway, Vancouver BC V5N 2S7
Call 604.298.5888 | Email: info@pirs.bc.ca



PIRS Notices are both attached in PDF

Pathways to Childcare Careers



Occupation-specific **FREE English**
training program for women interested
in working in the early learning
and childcare field



January 3 - March 31, 2023

9:15 am - 3:00 pm (Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri)
Online via Zoom and in-person at
7485 Salisbury Ave, Burnaby

Program Benefits

1. Occupation-specific language classes
2. Trauma-informed approaches to early learning
3. Responsible Adult, First Aid, FoodSafe Certificate training
4. Essential and digital skills improvement
5. Employment counselling and career exploration
6. Work transition skills training
7. Paid work experience (4 weeks)
8. Connection to work opportunities in the field
9. Transportation costs and childminding provided for in-person sessions
10. Supportive and friendly learning environment

Eligibility Criteria

- Women who are permanent residents, convention refugees or protected persons
- CLB 5 or equivalent in English (online assessment will be provided)
- Able to attend all program sessions

Deadline to apply: December 16, 2022 **Information Session: December 7, 2022**

CONTACT: Arlene Ordonez

Email: childcare@pirs.bc.ca | Phone: (778) 608-4168



Poster attached in PDF also

Settlement & Integration Program

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



Let's Cook and Chat

Join us online to learn about
Canadian food and cooking

Sessions are held on
Wednesdays, 10:30am--12:30pm

Nov 23: Healthy Eating & Smart Shopping
Nov 30: Cook quick and healthy meals
Dec 7: How to bake meals in the oven

To register,
please scan:



For more details, please email to:
daliq@burnabynh.ca or call 236-877-2616

www.burnabynh.ca

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (selilwataʔ), Kwikwetlem (kwikwetlam), Squamish (Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw) and Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.

For more information please contact:

-Dali Qu, Settlement Case
Manager DaliQ@burnabynh.ca or

-Lynn Leong, Community Kitchen Coordinator
at: kitchens@burnabynh.ca



4460 Beresford Street
Burnaby, BC V5H 0B8
(In front of Metrotown Skytrain)
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REACH Community Health Centre provided an excellent community consultation last week – here are some of the resources they want to share with agencies serving refugee claimants – the slides from the presentation also attached. (6 pages)

ALL POSTERS ATTACHED AS PDF'S



PHARMACY SERVICES

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to use our pharmacy; you do not need to be a REACH patient! Filling your prescription at REACH supports our Health Centre to deliver quality medical care to the community.

-  Non-profit pharmacy
-  Full range of prescriptions
-  Over-the-counter (OTC) medications
-  Affordable and competitive prices
-  Virtually no wait times for prescriptions
-  Free delivery if located nearby
-  Pharmacy services in Farsi, Dari, Hebrew, Russian, Cantonese and Spanish. Other languages are available upon advance request.



OPEN TO EVERYONE

PHARMACY

GLOBAL HOLISTIC APPROACH TO COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE

DENTAL	Our dental clinic welcomes new patients. REACH Dental is committed to providing a comprehensive range of high quality oral care services to all patients. REACH Dental has been a leader in the field of dentistry for over 45 years and remains committed to social responsibility. Revenue from patients with private dental insurance assists in funding those less fortunate.
MEDICAL	REACH is dedicated to providing high quality integrated health care in East Vancouver to families and individuals of all ages. We focus on clients with complex social, mental or physical needs and offer a widely respected interdisciplinary approach to care within our medical programs. We are passionate and committed to innovation and are an inclusive clinic that respects and values the diversity of every individual.
MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTRE	The Multicultural Family Centre (MFC) works with immigrant, refugee and Indigenous communities to deliver culturally responsive health promotion programs and services. The MFC has created a place where people feel welcome at any time, and receive assistance in navigating health and community services, attending health education programs, and connecting with other people in the community.
PHARMACY	REACH has its own non-profit pharmacy that offers a full range of prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medications at affordable and competitive prices. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to use our pharmacy; you do not need to be a REACH patient!



REACH
Community Health Centre

SERVICES



REACH
Community Health Centre

DENTAL SERVICES

-  Dental Exams
-  Dental Hygiene
-  Restorations
-  Root Canals
-  Extractions
-  Crowns & Bridges
-  Emergencies
-  Teeth Whitening

- * ALL dental plans accepted
- * Discounts may be available for people without insurance
- * No balance billing with government insurance
- * All dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants fully licensed
- * We speak 10 different languages

BOOK TODAY E: dental@reachcentre.bc.ca
Ph: (604) 254-1331



**NEW PATIENTS
WELCOME**

DENTAL

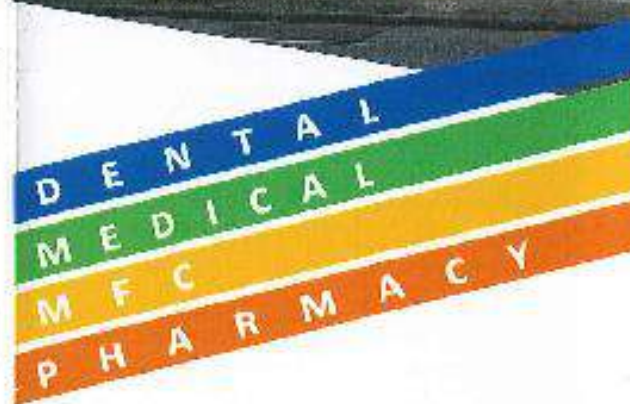
COME SEE US TODAY

HOURS OF OPERATIONS

DENTAL		MEDICAL	
M - F	8:15 AM - 5:15 PM	M - TH	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
SAT	8:30 AM - 4:15 PM	FRI	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUN	CLOSED	SAT	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
		SUN	CLOSED
MFC		PHARMACY	
M - TH	9:30 AM - 5:30 PM	M - F	9:30 AM - 6:00 PM
FRI	1:00 PM - 5:30 PM	SAT	9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
SAT/SUN	CLOSED	SUN	CLOSED
ADMINISTRATION			
M - F	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	SAT/SUN	CLOSED



We provide innovative, high quality care to support the physical and mental health and well being of the individuals within our community.



REACH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

REACH Community Health Centre
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www.reachcentre.bc.ca | Ph: (604) 251.3000

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Multicultural Family Centre



The Multicultural Family Centre (MFC) works with immigrants and refugee communities to deliver culturally-responsive health promotion programs and help address what REACH team members often refer to as the social determinants of health. REACH offers programs and services in the following languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Arabic.

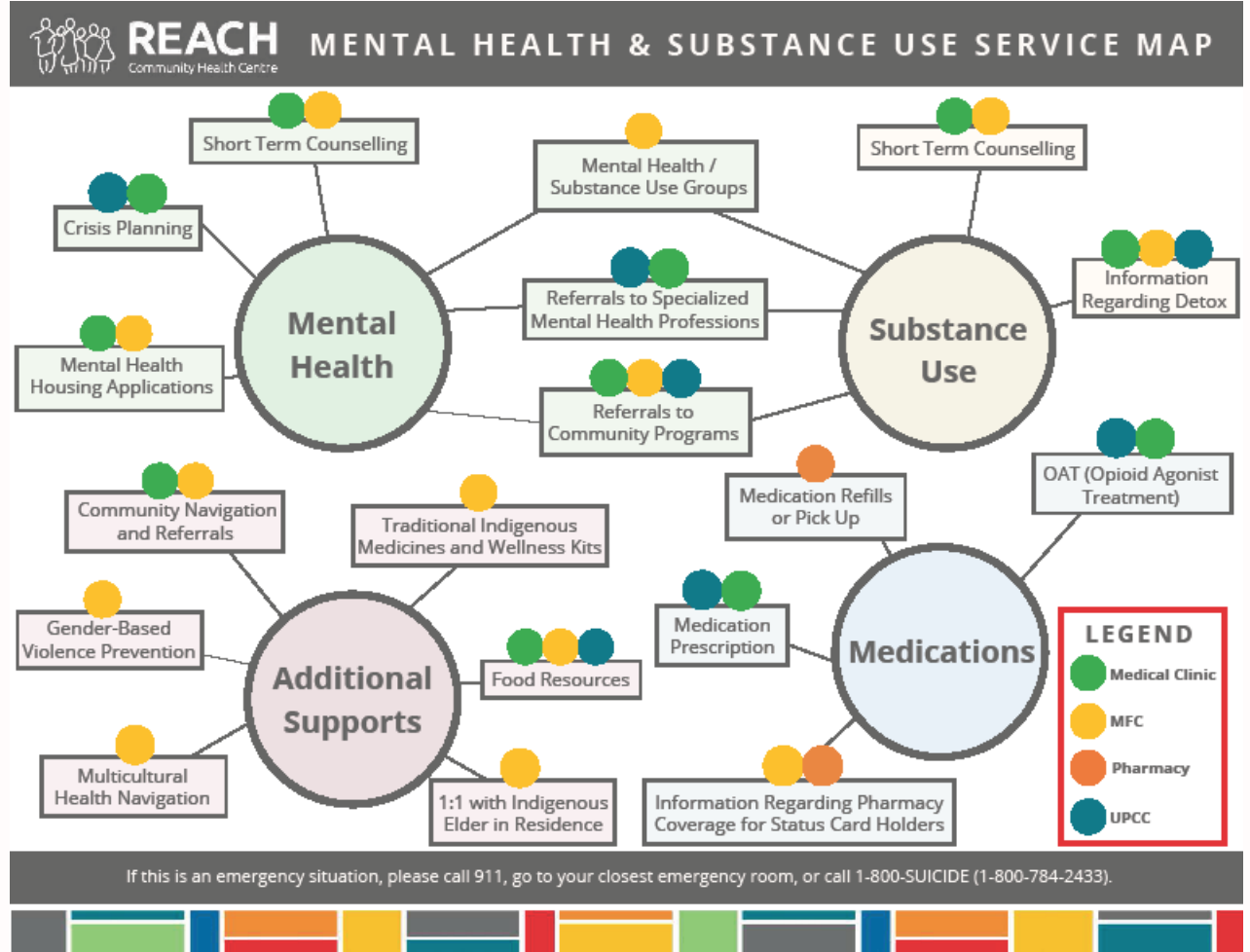
Our staff provides both 1:1 services and groups. The MFC staff includes an Indigenous Elder in Residence, Indigenous Health Promoter, Vietnamese Cross Cultural Health Promoter, Latin American Cross Cultural Health Promoters, Arabic Cross Cultural Health Promoter, Violence Prevention Coordinator, and Arabic Speaking Violence Prevention Support Worker.

Contact the Multicultural Family Centre at 604-216-3135

INDIGENOUS ELDER IN RESIDENCE
On Thursdays 10am - 5pm, Elder Tom Oleman is available for 1:1 support. For appointments, call 604-251-3000 Ext. 241



1:1 SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING GENDER BASED VIOLENCE
Contact us for 1:1 support services in both English and Arabic. 604-251-3000 Ext. 244



COUNSELLING SERVICES at REACH



Flavia Silveira is a Registered Clinical Counsellor who just joined the REACH team and will be providing free, short-term individual and relationship counselling services to the community. Their approach is client-centred. Collaboratively, you will identify your needs, develop self-awareness and insights, build coping mechanisms, and connect with community resources.

Aligning with REACH's multicultural and equitable approach to healthcare, Flavia takes every person's cultural and social background into consideration to provide a safe environment for those who need it the most. She will rely on a trauma informed approach, drawing on cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), queer theories, narrative-therapy and anti-oppressive perspectives. She is also able to offer services in both English and Portuguese.

If you want to learn more about our available counselling services, you can contact Flavia (MCP, RCC) at fsilveira@reachcentre.bc.ca or 604-251-3000 ext. 299.



GRUPO LATINOAMERICANO PARA LA PREVENCION Y CONTROL DE LA DIABETES



POR UN FUTURO MEJOR!

Es usted > 18 años ?
Quiere permanecer saludable o controlar mejor su diabetes?

CONTAMOS CONTIGO

Dieta saludable
Importancia de la Act Física
Amistad y diversión!



FECHA Y HORA

3 Sesiones
Oct 28, Nov 24 y Nov 25 de 2022
5:30 a 7:30pm

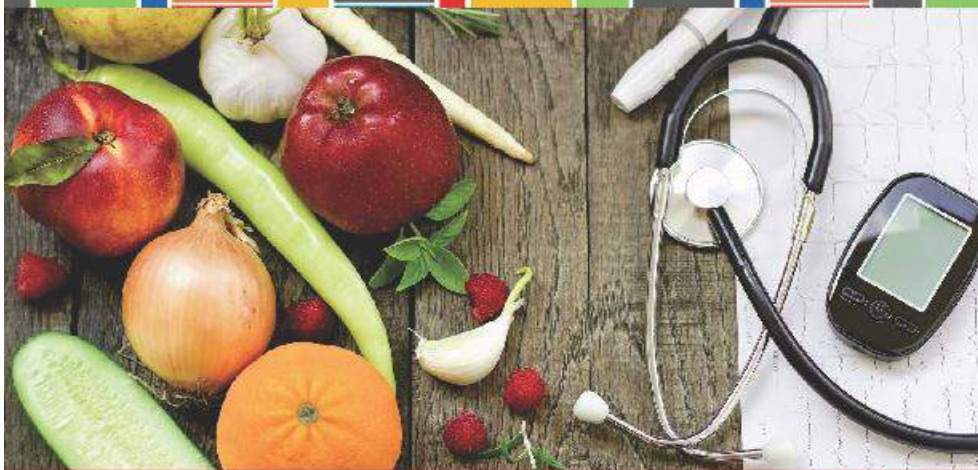


ESTAREMOS EN ZOOM

Meeting ID: 863 5584 3077
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PARA MAS INFORMACION POR FAVOR LLAME
A GERMAN 604-720-4494



DIABETES Management Series

For People with Type 2 Diabetes



**Tuesdays, November 15, 22 & 29
6 - 8 pm at REACH**

Want to learn how to manage a new diagnosis or existing condition and coping strategies?
Looking for a supportive environment and connections with others with diabetes?
Join us for a **FREE** group here at REACH.



Registration is required to attend this series.

Contact John for details or to register.

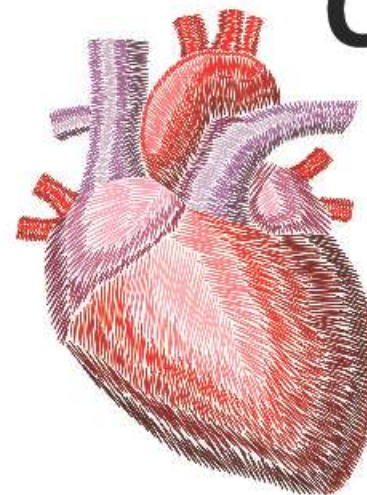
Jsakamoto-kramer@reachcentre.bc.ca or 778-865-0844

 1145 Commercial Drive Vancouver, BC V5L 3X3



FREE Cardiovascular Health Screenings

Healthy Heart Check!



On the 3rd Thursday of Every Month

Join us anytime between 4:30-6:30pm to participate in interactive activities to learn about your heart health, risk factors, and how to prevent heart disease.



**1145 Commercial Drive
Vancouver, BC V5L 3X3**

Cardiovascular health refers to the health of the heart and blood vessels.

DID YOU KNOW? Heart disease is the 2nd leading cause of death in Canada. The 5 most common types of heart disease are heart attacks, angina, stroke, heart failure, and peripheral vascular disease (circulation in legs).

Many cardiovascular diseases are preventable. Early detection and management of your health can help you reduce your risk of heart disease.

Drop ins are welcome! No registration required.
Contact Faith Tang for details or questions at ftang@reachcentre.bc.ca or 604-245-3838

English Conversation

WHAT WE PROVIDE

Conversation circles help improve your English communication skills to successfully settle and integrate into the local community and find employment.

- Improve your spoken English skills in a supportive environment.
- Conversation Circles on different themes and topics.
- Learn about your community and Canadian culture while making new friends.
- Build your speaking confidence.
- Make new connections.
- Meet in person once a month and have lunch together.

WHEN ?

Every Thursday
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

WHO ?

Arabic Women

WHERE ?

Online / In person

**For
Registration**

(778)846-2643

All info-sheets are attached in PDF (multiple pages)

REACH Brochure in PDF also attached.

Froghollow this month ([Read in your browser](#))



Frog Hollow

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Creating Our Community Together

One-on-one Settlement Services

We understand that settling in a new place and making it home for you and your family is a challenging and long process.

No matter where you are from or how long it has been since you arrived in Canada, we welcome all newcomers to access support services and community involvement opportunities here at Frog Hollow. Our programs are designed to help you successfully navigate the stages towards citizenship and, further on, for your long-term well-being and participation in society.

Our services are available in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, Arabic, Farsi and Dari.

[Click here to download our Settlement Programs Brochure](#)

[Learn More](#)



[Newsletter: Read the whole letter in your browser](#)



City of Surrey Cold Weather Resources

Extreme cold can be a risk factor for many people, from the elderly and frail to people experiencing homelessness. City of Surrey has a webpage with information about how to stay warm, including an emergency alert sign-up and a list of civic facilities that are open for warming.

--> [View City of Surrey Webpage](#)

Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS) Seminar

Climate Change, Migration, and Pandemics: Human Rights in the Anthropocene

Tuesday November 22, 2022 12:00 – 1:30pm (Toronto)

This is a hybrid event:

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMuf-6srT0pHtOYayaCWgD7iAMQhIWobtp1>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Guest speaker: Alan W. Clarke, professor emeritus at Utah Valley University, J.D., William and Mary, LL.M., Queen's University, and Ph.D., Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

The 1951 Refugee Convention defines a refugee as someone with a "well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion." Environmental refugees do not fall within its scope; nor does international human rights law adequately cover these migrants. If climate change results in widespread environmental damage, including massive ill-health for large parts of the world, there will likely be immense human suffering and potentially the greatest human migrations in all of humanity's history. Moreover, these refugees largely come from areas of the world least responsible for global warming. Wealthy societies largely caused the problem while the poorest suffer. This increases the moral obligation of the rich, polluting states, to deal responsibly with the human rights issues raised by climate change. In this respect our moral obligations and self-interest align. Human suffering leading to civil strife is in no one's interest and our moral obligation to mitigate suffering that we caused and are responsible for is plain. I argue that if we do not modify international law in order to deal with the inevitable human migrations spurred by climate change, and its accompanying pandemics, suffering, strife, and violence will be the unavoidable outcome.



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Centre for Migration Studies

CMS Weekly Update
[Read in your browser](#)

Call for Papers:
Inaugural CMS International Research
Conference

Submission Deadline: November 30, 2022

We are excited to share information about an international research conference for graduate students and faculty from two institutions – the [Queen's University Belfast School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics](#) (QUB HAPP) and the [UBC Centre for Migration Studies](#) (UBC CMS) in partnership with the [CMS Borders Research Group](#) – to present their work (or work in progress) on migration studies and to engage in scholarly exchange, comparative analysis, and networking with colleagues from both institutions. The conference is hosted by UBC CMS and builds on conversations to foster research links between QUB HAPP and UBC CMS, with a focus on new emerging scholars in the field of migration.

Themes: Papers may focus on one of the following themes, but the list of themes is not exhaustive and graduate students are invited to also submit proposals that speak to other themes related to migration:

Climate and migration / Belonging and community engagement in migration processes /
Diaspora / Gender and migration / (No) Borders / Refugees / Sovereignty and Indigeneity

Format: The conference will be held over two days in April 2023 (25-26) which will include:

- A day of presentations with CMS and QUB faculty as discussants, organized into thematic blocks;
- A keynote address
- Networking opportunities
- Research feedback opportunities

All applicants will receive a response on their application by December 15, 2022. Successful applicants will be invited to develop their paper with a submission deadline of March 1, 2023. Any questions or requests for additional information should be emailed to manager.migration@ubc.ca. Full details available to download [here](#).



Seeking Asylum

Everything you thought
you knew about Canadian
Refugee Law

JOIN US FOR A DISCUSSION
ABOUT CLAIMING ASYLUM IN
CANADA

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Seeking Asylum: Law & the Journey of Refugee Claimants

Monday, Nov. 28

6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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Join us for a discussion
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REPEATS

Currently Searching- 03/11/2022

Families Searching by number of Weeks Searching



SW = Settlement Worker

Families Applied: Not Contacted by a SW yet	Individuals Searching	Families Searching
	156	62

City	Total Individuals	Total Families
Burnaby	6	3
Delta	2	1
Langford	4	1
Langley	3	1
New Westminster	1	1
Port Moody	2	2
Richmond	4	3
Surrey	51	21
Vancouver	73	24
Victoria	10	5
Total:	156	62

BC CHARMS DATA REPORT JUNE 1/2022 – NOV 1/2022

(previously circulated by email)

The Full Report is attached or available at this link:

<https://smallpdf.com/file#s=398ba377-89e8-4e6f-802d-8abc6cc1ddab>

Many of you have been asking if **the multilingual Refugee Hearing Preparation (RHP) Guide for refugee claimants** can remain accessible, now that RefugeeClaim.ca is redirecting to **MyRefugeeClaim.ca**.

Good news: you can now access the RHP Guide on the new MyRefugeeClaim.ca site.

How to find the RHP Guide on the My Refugee Claim website:

1. Go to the About page of My Refugee Claim (<https://myrefugeeclaim.ca/en/about/>), scroll halfway down, and you'll see the button that will lead you to the RHP Guide download page.

or

2. Go directly, bookmarking this URL: <https://myrefugeeclaim.ca/en/refugee-hearing-preparation-guide/>

Caution:

The RHP Guide was last updated in 2019-2020 for the various regions in Canada. Some content (refugee claim processes) is no longer accurate. However, other content, such as the section on Preparing for Your Refugee Hearing (pp 16-27), remains relevant and useful for refugee claimants, particularly because it is available in 12 languages.

Arabic, Chinese, English, Farsi, French, Mongolian, Somali, Sorani/Kurdish, Spanish, Tigrigna, Turkish, Urdu

The multilingual RHP Guides, sorted by region, will remain in this new location until such a time they pose more harm than help (please provide your feedback – right now we are hearing they provide more help than harm), or until My Refugee Claim is translated, whichever comes first.

Warmly,

Loren Balisky

Director of Engagement, Kinbrace

Hello Everyone!

We are pleased to announce that we are recruiting NOW for our Veterinary Assistant Diploma Training Program(PBLMT- Cohort 3) starting NOVEMBER 21, 2022. (22-week program finishing May 5, 2023)

APPLY here (both links)

PICS Program Registration link:

[Veterinary Assistant Diploma \(freetrainings.ca\)](https://freetrainings.ca)

Apply & Submit Documents to Insignia College

<https://insignia.ampeducator.com/web/public/students/forms/7an8CwUg>

Training information:

Veterinary Assistant Diploma Training Program is a 100% govern time program consisting of:

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

This will prepare participants to work as Veterinary Assistants.

See more information in 2 attachments!



VETERINARY ASSISTANT DIPLOMA TRAINING PROGRAM (PBLMT)

The Veterinary Assistant Diploma Training Program is an 18-4 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.

WHATS 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
November 21, 2022



FOR SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION

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Interested candidates can also contact their local WorkBC Centres.
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Finding more doctors for our growing populations!

We are pleased to invite you to our online Annual General Meeting for the **Canadian On Paper Society for Immigrant Physicians (COPSIPE)** on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022 at 7 PM PST (10 PM EST).

In this virtual meeting, we will present our annual report, activities, achievements and the Human Rights case and we will elect our directors. We would also like to hear your experiences and ideas and see how we can come together and better advocate for IMGs.

As you are probably aware, COPSIPE is aggressively pursuing the quest for equality for immigrant physicians. Initiatives include the Human Rights case, awareness building, forming alliances across the country, and actively pursuing research and collection of data which will assist in exposing and highlighting systemic discrimination that IMGs face.

We hope that you are available and interested in joining us and contributing to the meeting. To register for the meeting, please visit the following link at your earliest convenience as the capacity of the meeting is limited:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqc-qgrDspHt1Q2Zw5F9rXSVLWIVUMonq1>

If you do not receive the confirmation email after registering, please contact us at info@canadianonpaper.com .

For further details about this meeting, please click [here](#). We would appreciate if you could share this information with your network as well.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

Canadian On Paper Society for Immigrant Physicians Equality (COPSIPE) Team





Refugee Research Network

**- RRN Research Digest -
November 3, 2022**

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