



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 146

November 9, 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

First – the bad news! IN FOCUS was unable to provide the presentation in Surrey last night due to a pernicious pepper spray incident close to the City Centre Library that forced everyone to evacuate.

The presentation is rescheduled for Tuesday November 22: Room 120, Surrey Centre Library

We will also be hosting the event at Vancouver Public Library – Renfrew Branch on **Monday November 28 at 6:30 pm**

MAP Strategic Planning Survey

This important step in our Strategic Plan – and a vital part of hearing from you all – will be mailed out shortly. 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!

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

Thanh Lam, Sireen ElNashar and Jenny Moss. MAP Executive

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) would like to inform you that effective November 1st, 2022, protected persons and convention refugees in Canada can no longer submit their permanent residence applications to the Case Processing Centre in Mississauga (CPC-M), Ontario.

Protected persons and convention refugees in Canada who wish to apply for permanent residence can do so through the online application portal. For any assistance with the application process, please refer to the guide *Applying for Permanent Residence from within Canada: Protected Persons and Convention Refugees [IMM 5205]*.

For protected persons and Convention refugees in Canada who prefer to apply for permanent residence by mail, applications should be submitted to the new Digitization Center at the addresses below.

Mailing Address:

Protected Persons in Canada application
Box 12153 STN A
SYDNEY NS B1P 0L1

Courier Address:

Protected Persons in Canada application
3050 Wilson Avenue
New Waterford, NS
B1H 5V8

Thank you,
IRCC

Poster attached

Food Safe - Level 1 Training

Food Safe is a Canadian recognized sanitation and work safety course designed for food service establishment operators and front line food service workers such as cooks, servers, bussers, dishwashers, and deli workers. The course covers important food safety and worker safety information including foodborne illness, receiving and storing food, preparing food, serving food, cleaning and sanitizing.

Receive a certificate to add to your resume!

THIS IS BEING OFFERED FREE TO...

-  **REFUGEE CLAIMANTS**
-  **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
-  **TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS**

Workshop in:

**English
&
Spanish**

SPACE LIMITED SO REGISTER TODAY!

Register by email to: coordinator@inasmuch.ca

Thank you to these sponsors!



We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of BC through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs



**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26
9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM**

**LOCATION: SEVENOAKS ALLIANCE CHURCH
2575 GLADWIN RD., ABBOTSFORD**



Online BC Medical Services Plan Session (Farsi)

10:00 am-12:00 pm

Nov 15th

2 Pages



Join this workshop to learn about provincial health insurance in BC. Topics included are Medical Services Plan, Fair Pharmacare, Regular Premium Assistance, BC Healthy Kids, and Tele-Health.

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.

Online Canadian Culture workshop continued

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

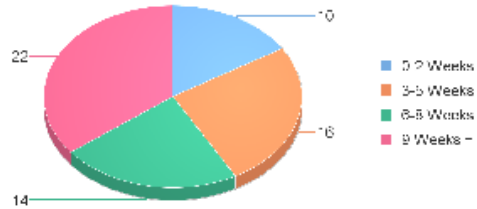
Join this workshop for newcomer youth to learn from students currently attending local universities. Students from UBC and SFU will provide secondary school youth with information and insights on how to apply for university. Topics will include academic programs selection, admission requirements (e.g.,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

Contact us at office@impactnorthshore.ca or 604-988-2931



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://www.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

Kavya Kumar kavyanjil.kumar@pics.bc.ca 778-695-7050 (Ext- 117)	Razib Bobby razib_bobby@pics.bc.ca 604-324-7733 (Ext- 612)
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Interested candidates can also contact their local WorkBC Centres.
Surrey: 208 10252 City Parkway, Surrey, BC, Canada V3T 4E2
www.insigniacollege.com



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





Recommendation!

The Frontliners

November 10-12 at 7:30 PM

**November 13 at 2:30 PM, Waterfront
Theatre**

*Written by Zahida Rehemtulla -- bright star who
has worked with the Shoe Project and PIRS*

The Frontliners is a comedic drama about three employees stationed at an East Van hotel in January 2016, tasked with housing Syrian refugee families against an impossible rental market. As the workers pull overtime hours and navigate the chaos of the frontlines, their lives are brought together in ways that irreversibly shape them.

The Frontliners is being brought to the stage for this special workshop production through Playwrights Theatre Centre's New Play in Development Prize in partnership with the Vancouver Fringe Festival. In 2021, The Frontliners received the Playwrights Guild of Canada RBC Emerging Playwright Award, Theatre BC's Play of Special Merit Award, and was runner-up for the national Voaden Prize in Playwriting. For tickets, please visit [here](#).

“Captures, with economy, humour, and heart, the intense rollercoaster ride of working in a refugee placement agency during a housing crisis.” — Voaden Prize in Playwriting

CRS/RLL Seminar

Deporting Refugees: Hidden Injustice in Canada

November 10, 2022 (TOMORROW!) 12-1:30pm (Toronto)

Register in advance for this meeting online:

https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqcuyhrDotH9cTYBCLb3Pk570Li_ro_MvS

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

Guest Speakers:

Kathryn Tomko Dennler, Research Affiliate with the Centre for Refugee Studies and with the Refugee Law Lab at York University

Brianna Garneau, PhD candidate in Socio-legal Studies and affiliated with the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University

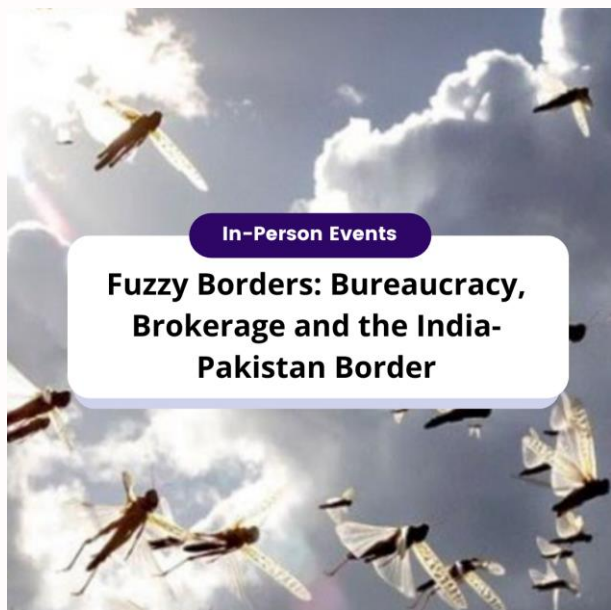
Deportation laws, policies, and procedures impact the human rights of people who fear persecution. However, there is little information on whether people who are deported are harmed upon return, meaning the effects of deportation are largely invisible. Drawing on data obtained through Access to Information requests, as well as on interviews with legal representatives and support organizations, we argue that diffuse decision-making and the power of the state to manipulate timelines make deportations difficult to navigate and reduce the likelihood that level of risk determines who is allowed to stay in Canada. Nonetheless, non-cooperation with deportation is portrayed as a “threat” and CBSA operates without independent oversight. We further argue that CBSA mandate and structure allow, and can even incentivize, misconduct by CBSA officers. In addition to presenting our report on the deportation process, we will also launch a data repository on the Refugee Law Lab website, hosting the Access to Information data about deportations that we obtained.

Co-sponsored with the [Refugee Law Lab](#)



CMS Weekly Update
Read in your browser

Excerpts:



**Fuzzy Borders: Bureaucracy,
Brokerage and the India-Pakistan
Border**

Event Date: November 15 at 12 PM
(PT)

Organizer: [CMS Borders Research
Group](#)



CMS Community Luncheons are back!

Event Date: November 17, 2022

Please join us for food and networking with fellow Centre for Migration Studies faculty, students, staff, visiting scholars, and community partners!

This is an opportunity to re-connect face-to-face and make new friends.

Click [here](#) to RSVP.



Refugee Research Network

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

[View full notice in your browser](#)

[Read Digest on RRN website](#)

REPEATS

MAP Strategic Visioning & Planning - Process and Timeline 2022-2023

Multi Agency Partnership (MAP) BC is undergoing a strategic visioning and planning process to determine its best path forward into the future. The last strategic planning was completed in 2018, and there is the will by MAP stakeholders to engage in visioning and planning.

What has happened to-date?

1. MAP stakeholders (member agencies and partner agencies) affirmed the need for strategic visioning and planning (Spring 22)
2. The ad-hoc Advisory Council was formed to help provide support the Executive Coordinator and the Co-Chairs (Summer 2022)
3. The MAP community agreed to move forward with strategic planning, and retained HIP Strategic Consulting to guide the process (Fall 2022)

How can your agency participate going forward?

A Survey will be sent to MAP stakeholders to understand the strengths and opportunities they see / sense / experience in MAP

Timeline: Nov 2022

Process: Each agency will complete one survey. Discussion and consensus within the agency is encouraged for full representation.

2. A full-day, in-person visioning and planning day will be held to discuss strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and results

Timeline: 13 Jan 2023 0830-1730 at Journey Home Community

Process: each agency is welcome to send one delegate to represent the voice of your agency.

What will be the end goal?

1. A new vision for MAP, reaffirmed mission and values, as a foundation for our work going forward. A clear sense of who we are and what we do.
2. Clearly identified and sustainable roles as identified in an updated organizational structure.

If you have questions or comments please reach out to MAP Co-chair Sireen El-Nashar at sireen.elnashar@zaytuna.ca or Advisory Council representative Loren Balisky at loren@kinbrace.ca

Thank you all for your support!

MAP Executive and Advisory Council

Dear Colleagues,

Hope all is well, please find below **(and attached)** the dates/timing of Ready Tour sessions in November and December 2022. Kindly share the details of sessions with refugee claimants and circulate the information among your team. All refugee claimants as well as service providers are welcome to attend Ready Tour sessions.

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

- **November 18th** (*Friday*) - 9:30-11:30am
- **December 2nd** (*Friday*) - 9:30-11:30am
- **December 16th** (*Friday*) - 9:30-11:30am

An Important Update: Please consider by the launch of myrefugeeclaim.ca the referral system has been changed, from now on you need to encourage refugee claimants to register on the website, <https://myrefugeeclaim.ca/en/ready-tours/> or you do the registration for them. We can not accept information of refugee claimants in the spreadsheets anymore.

Also, our next RAD Info Session is on Wednesday, November 30th, details **are in the attachment**, you can refer refugee claimants/service providers by sending their information to me.

Thanks,
Masi Allahverdi
READY Tour Organizer
M 604.362.1070 / T 604.255.9691



AMSSA, through the B.C. Refugee Resource Network (BCRRN) funded by the Province of B.C.'s Refugee Readiness Fund, is creating a Settlement Practitioner Introductory Training geared towards new settlement practitioners in the field. Consultations with service providers across B.C. indicated that an introductory foundational training would aid in the orientation of these new practitioners. These E-learning modules and associated trainings will focus on tasks and duties that settlement practitioners conduct rather than training on the core competencies which settlement practitioners are hired on and develop over the course of their careers.

To gain a better understanding and scope of the needs of new settlement practitioners within BC as well as your organization's training needs, AMSSA is seeking IRCC and BCSIS contract holders' insights.

You can find the survey link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B7MFZKV>.

Please fill out this short survey by **Monday, November 14, 2022**. Also, please distribute this survey to others in your organization who can provide insights.

AMSSA is also seeking individuals who would be willing to sit on a working group to help inform this project. AMSSA values your limited time – working group members will have minimal meetings and/or be sent materials for review. If you are interested, please leave your contact information at the end of the survey or contact Jason Lee at jlee@amssa.org.

Thank you!
Jason Lee



HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIPLOMA TRAINING (PBLMT)

(FLYER ATTACHED)

PICS are so excited to announce that we are currently recruiting for our HRM (pblmt) diploma training program starting NOVEMBER 28, 2022.

COHORT 1: Nov 28'2022 – Jul 07'2023

PROGRAM REGISTRATION: [Human Resource Management \(PBLMT\) \(free Trainings.ca\)](https://www.free Trainings.ca)

31 weeks PBLMT training program

- -- 2 weeks of program orientation
- -- 23 weeks of academic training
- -- 1 week of preparation for workplace experience
- -- 3 weeks of practicum (workplace experience)
- -- 2 weeks of follow-up support

Courses: Introduction to Human Resources / Cultural Diversity / Strategic Human Resource Management / Recruitment and Selection / Human Resource Development / International Human Resource Management / Employment Law

Practicum: 120 hours of practicum (3 weeks full-time; Monday-Friday)

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT:

Razib Boby: 604-324-7733 ext 612 (razib.boby@pics.bc.ca)

OR

Aly Hassan: 604-324-7733 ext 247 (aly.hassan@pics.bc.ca)



From Naomi Morgan and staff at Surrey Centre Library – our hosts for the October MAP Meeting:

Surrey Libraries will be giving kits to Surrey families with babies right from our [10 library branch locations](#) (City Centre, Clayton, Cloverdale, Fleetwood, Guildford, Newton, Ocean Park, Port Kells, Semiahmoo and Strawberry Hill). We will be encouraging families to visit our libraries, apply for free library cards for all their family members, attend [storytimes](#), [borrow materials](#), and discover the [other resources](#) and welcoming spaces available to them from any branch of [Surrey Libraries](#). While supplies last.

City Centre Library
10350 University Drive
Surrey, BC, V3T 4B8
P: 604.598.7428 F: 604.598.7421



Dear Sir or Madam,

The Ministry of Attorney General & Minister responsible for Housing is pleased to advise you that it is currently accepting applications for the Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Grant program. The application period is open now through to November 25, 2022, closing at 5:00pm PST.

Registered non-profit and charitable organizations, as well as other public and private sector organizations working in partnership with a BIPOC-led non-profit society, are invited to apply for grants up to \$5,000 to support activities across the province that build intercultural interaction, trust and understanding, or challenge racism, hate and systemic barriers.

The Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Grant program's focus in 2022/23 is to prioritize projects that seek to reduce systemic racism, hate incidents and/or build capacity in racialized communities, with a preference for applications submitted by racialized and marginalized groups.

Please review the updated 2022-2023 guidelines before you apply for a BC Multiculturalism Grant at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/multiculturalism-anti-racism/multiculturalism/multiculturalismgrants>

An optional virtual information session on the Grant program is planned for November 4, 2022, from 11:00am – 12:00pm PST. Please register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bc-multiculturalism-and-anti-racism-grants-202223-info-session-tickets-445588997687>

Applications will be accepted until 5:00pm PST on November 25, 2022.

PLEASE NOTE: Applications must be submitted via the Ministry website indicated above in order to be considered. The Ministry cannot accept applications received by email, fax, or mail.

Please forward this information to any groups in your network that may be interested in applying for this funding.

Thank you for your interest,



Statistics Canada – 2021 Census of Population: Immigration, Ethnocultural & Religious Diversity, and Migration – Presentation [as a PDF](#)

An interesting and useful analysis of the recent Census report on Immigration, Ethnocultural and Religious Diversity can be viewed as a slideshow [here](#) or in the attached PDF.

Data, charts, assistance for researching and using the data can be found here:
https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/subjects-start/immigration_and_ethnocultural_diversity



Shared by CCR:

The government has tabled the immigration levels: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/supplementary-immigration-levels-2023-2025.html>

Of note particularly regarding refugees:

- Level for “Protected Persons in Canada and Dependents Abroad” (former refugee claimants who have been accepted) remains very low. This means people will remain years without permanent residence and separated from their families - <https://ccrweb.ca/en/media/family-reunification-sept-2022>
- Level for Government-Assisted Refugees is higher than expected in the multi-year level plan - 23,550 (compared to projected target of 17,260 for 2023 in last year’s levels)
- Privately sponsored refugee levels on the other hand have gone down from the multi-year level plan - 27,505 (compared to projected target of 30,795 for 2023 in last year’s levels). This is bad news for the thousands in the inventory as they will have to wait longer before they can be resettled.

[Why we build border walls](#)

Ep. 1 of ***Borders & Belonging*** launches this week. Journalist **Todd Miller** provides a first-hand account of the dangers facing

undocumented migrants along the US-Mexican border. Host and CERC Migration researcher **Maggie Perzyna** speaks with **Douglas Massey** (Princeton University) and **Elisabeth Vallet** (University of Quebec at Montreal) to understand the utility of walls.

Along with each episode, top scholars contribute articles based on their research. This week, **Maciej Grześkowiak** (University of Warsaw, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights) goes in depth on the Poland-Belarus border. Read "[Despite Europe's new wall, the migration route through Belarus is here to stay](#)".

For more information from CERC Connections explore [here](#)

