



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 17

May 31, 2023

Dear MAP members,

How are you doing? Surviving the pandemic and the many upheavals in the refugee claimant sector this is a question we will keep on asking, while providing support through 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!

World Refugee Day is June 20th at VPL!

We are very excited to be partnering with Vancouver Public Library to host the event at the Alice McKay room in the main branch from 12-2 PM.

We will feature refugee story tellers, refugee artists and musicians!

We are using this opportunity to bring attention to and promote discussion around the devastating effects that the recent changes to the Safe Third Country Agreement will have on countless people seeking safety in Canada. The event will end with a panel discussion with refugee rights advocates focused on the STCA and Canada's treatment of refugee claimants at a point in time when most Western nations are increasingly limiting people's ability to make a refugee claim.

Come join us and participate in this important conversation and also celebrate the resilience and contributions of refugees to Canada's diversity and prosperity

MAP Bulletins in May

Because of the handover of responsibilities at MAP going on bulletins will be restricted to the following dates: **May 17, 31**

Please send your items for inclusion with this date in mind!

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

Thank Lam, Sireen El Nashar and Katya Avalos, MAP Executive





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You are cordially invited to join us at our virtual World Refugee Day event.

Date: June 19th

Time: 2 pm ET / 11 am PT

Location: Virtual on Airmeeet

As World Refugee Day approaches, [Jumpstart Refugee Talent](#) and [New Canadians TV Network](#) have organized an exciting event for you: **Refuge(E)xpo - A Celebration of Culture and Creativity!**

Join us to experience a unique expo featuring refugee businesses, authors, artists, and community organizations supporting newcomers. Engage in insightful panels with renowned refugee authors and inspiring refugee advocates among others.

By attending all panels and workshops, you stand a chance to win prizes and receive virtual goodie bags. Enjoy a captivating live music performance and an interactive afrobeat dance exercise. Connect with refugee entrepreneurs and network with various community organizations.

To learn more and register for this exciting event, please follow [this link](#).

We eagerly anticipate your presence at the event. If you are unable to attend, kindly support us by sharing this invitation with your peers and network.

For questions, please contact elie.bahhadi@jumpstartrefugee.ca





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[Training to Evaluate & Improve Your Hybrid Settlement Service](#)

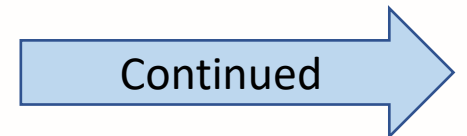
June 20th, 1pm Eastern

Settlement service providers might be interested in this project and upcoming training.

Wired: Evaluating Settlement Online (WESO) is a YMCA of the National Capital Region IRCC-funded project focused on developing tools and resources for Settlement Service Provider Organizations (SPOs).

WESO is a research-based program that addresses the challenges/barriers that service providers and newcomer clients face in delivering/using remote and hybrid services. The project is uncovering evidence-based practices that Settlement Service Provider Organizations (SPOs) find promising in delivering remote/hybrid services and engaging clients, creating a toolkit/framework and resources for SPOs to evaluate the effectiveness of your service delivery and adapt your models accordingly to improve services, and creating a network of knowledge and promising practice sharing.

The WESO team has created an evaluation tool for SPOs to assess the quality of your hybrid services and increase client intentions to use hybrid services





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This toolkit also includes a data collection tool, in the form of a client questionnaire, that SPOs can use to collect client feedback.

You may be struggling with questions like:

How do you know that your hybrid service delivery is effective?

What are you getting right?

What isn't working?

Most importantly, what do your clients think?

[Come to this information session on June 20th at 1pm Eastern](#) to learn about the WESO Toolkit. The WESO Toolkit and approach can help you learn how to adapt your services to meet Newcomer digital needs and improve services.

You can [find more background information about the project here](#).

And if June 20th doesn't work for you, you can [attend another one of their upcoming sessions](#)



Welcome to VAST

A psychosocial support orientation session

- Orientation session about Mental health
- What is counselling?
- Services available at VAST
- Answering questions

When?

Monday June 5th , 2023

(2:00- 3:30)

Where?

10334 152A St #301, Surrey, BC V3R 7P8

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JHEVOI AT:

jhevoi@vastbc.ca



VAST is hosting their Monthly Welcome to VAST English Orientation Session to be held at our Surrey office on Monday June 5, 2023.

The session is for potential clients and agencies/organizations that would like to learn more about VAST services.

Poster attached





Trauma Informed Care Workshop

with
Laura Brook

Counsellor, BSW, MSW, RSW, EAT

20 spots available

About Laura

Besides her credentials, Laura brings with her nine years experience providing holistic settlement support for Refugee Claimants.



Tuesday June 13, 2023
1:30 pm to 4:30 pm



Sevenoaks Alliance Church
2575 Gladwin Rd, Abbotsford
(park in parking lot by
Centennial Park school)



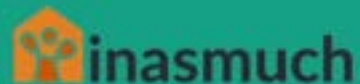
RSVP to admin@inasmuch.ca

You are Invited to Attend:

Laura's presentation will be focused on what is trauma and how to embody trauma-informed care with refugees.

Topics Will Include:

- What is the difference between stress and trauma?
- The biological impact of trauma
- Social justice lens
- Critical incident stress symptoms
- Vicarious trauma
- Core principles of trauma-informed care



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NEW TO NEW WEST: INTERCULTURAL FESTIVAL & INFORMATION FAIR



SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Welcome Centre, 820 6th Street
(New Westminster Secondary)**

Join us for this FREE event to get info on health, jobs, financial programs, and settlement services, and make volunteer connections. There will also be children's activities, entertainment and more!

WINS is funded by the Government of Canada



Legal Aid BC will be participating at the New West Intercultural Festival and Information fair this June 3rd from 11 to 1 PM. Clients and agencies are encouraged to attend (Poster attached)

Legal Aid now has **Legal Navigators** that can assist client regardless of whether they are eligible or in-eligible for Legal Aid services. Legal Navigators can provide information and resources for clients facing legal issues such as immigration and/or refugee matters, family, criminal, or civil matters.

The Legal Navigators phone line is 604-601-6166. Clients who might need more information before starting a legal aid application can also contact the legal navigators phone line to learn about the process. Please see the link below:

https://legalaid.bc.ca/legal_aid/legalInformationOutreachWorkers



Every year, Pacific Immigrant Resources Society (PIRS) holds **the Vancouver Half Marathon (VHM)** as the highlight event to spread awareness of our important work to the larger community.

[In 2022, British Columbia had the second largest number of immigrants in Canada, with 83,200 newcomers arriving last year.](#)

Canada is known for its cultural diversity, attracting millions of people selecting Canada as their new home. PIRS understands the difficulties faced by new immigrants in adapting to a new environment. In order to support them, we are running this year to raise funds for our trauma-informed programs. These programs are specifically designed to assist immigrant and refugee women to integrate into the society.

As of May 24th, we have raised \$2,992.92. This year, our goal is to raise \$15,000. One of the programs that will benefit from the funding is our Community English Classes. Our instructor in New Westminster shares that, "the class has always shown empathy and support for each other. Even during the current world crisis, it is evident that the class is a non-biased, safe and inclusive environment for all women and their families."

Join us for a walk/run on June 25th to support immigrant and refugee women and their children. Together we can make a lasting impact.

For more information on race details, location, time, and more, click [here](#).

To register, click [here](#).

Unable to participate? Donate to support immigrant and refugee women and their children!

[Donate Today](#)



WorkBC
Employment Services

Are you
looking
for work?



WorkBC Employment Services
can help you find a job

- Job search help, access to jobs and connections to employers
- Workshops to help you prepare for work
- Job search resources including computers/copiers and telephones
- Resume and interview preparation
- Employment counselling
- Work experience placements
- Foreign credential assessment and language interpretation services
- Financial support to start a job
- Skills training

www.workbc.ca or 1-877-952-6914

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BRITISH
COLUMBIA

This program is funded by the Government of Canada
and the Province of British Columbia.



MOSAIC

Engaging Newcomers, Enriching Communities

Refugee Claimants are now eligible for WorkBC services!

MOSAIC has provided flyers outlining the services WorkBC offers for newcomers including refugee claimants. You will find the flyer in English and translated into Chinese, Farsi, Ukrainian, Tagalog and Punjabi.

(refugee claimants need to have their Confirmation of Referral letter issued by IRCC or CBSA to receive services – sample attached)

6 Posters attached



MAP (Multi-Agency Partnership) Bulletin May 31, 2023

MOSAIC recently hired a **Disability Benefits Community Advocate**. The Advocate is under the MOSAIC Legal Advocacy Program and a partnership with the Disability Alliance of BC, to increase access for newcomers with disabilities in applying for provincial disability assistance.

The Advocate will be responsible for individual and community advocacy relating to B.C. provincial disability benefits (known as Persons with Disabilities - PWD) and newcomer issues.

Key Duties:

Assist people with disabilities with applications and appeals relating to provincial disability (Persons with Disabilities and Persons with Persistent and Multiple Barriers)

Contact:

LAP@mosaicbc.org

Office number: 604 324 7979



Refugee Research Network

- RRRN Research Digest - May 26, 2023

[Read Digest on RRRN Website](#)

The RRRN digest is issued bi-weekly to highlight the latest academic and non-academic resources on Refugees and forced migrants. We encourage readers to [email us](#) any articles, reports, or research related to refugee/forced migration studies to be considered in the forthcoming editions. Open-access versions are always a preference

REPEATS



New Hope
COMMUNITY SERVICES

New Hope has suffered a huge loss as the carport they use as a communal space was set on fire on April 25th. This is another devastating blow to the housing crisis refugees are facing in BC. To learn more about how you can donate and support New Hope, please follow this link: <https://newhopecs.org/donate-fire/>





Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op

Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-op is hiring for the following positions:

- CCHB with Umbrella Mobile Clinic Program (Part-time)
- CCHB for the Dari, Pashto, Farsi Speaking Community (Part-time)
- CCHB for the Latin American Spanish-Speaking Community (Part-time)
- CCHB for the Middle-Eastern Arabic Speaking Community (Part-time)
- Nurse Practitioner (28-30 hrs per week)

PDF ATTACHED

- Job Description and application details attached

A CIRCLE OF CARE FOR Newcomers



Te invitamos a participar de esta serie de sesiones que te ayudarán a aprender todo lo necesario para establecerte en Canadá

 APRIL 19 Introducción a los Servicios Taller Intercultural Visita a la Biblioteca	 APRIL 26 Establecerse Aprendiendo sobre Canadá Etapas de adaptación a la vida en Canadá	 MAY 3 ¿Qué es el choque cultural en Canadá?
 MAY 10 TRAC Centro de Asesoramiento y Recursos para Inquilinos	 MAY 17 Introducción a los Servicios: WorkSafe de BC Seguro de empleo	 MAY 24 Introducción a los Servicios: Beneficio fiscal por hijos Plan de Pensiones Canadiense
 MAY 31 Introducción a los Servicios: Servicios médicos Fraser Health	 JUNE 7 Introducción a otros programas: Empleo Mentor	

A Circle of Care for Newcomers workshop series for Spanish speakers by Options Community Services

To register please contact:
Ana Yansie Parada
ana.parada@options.bc.ca
604.803.4169

PDF ATTACHED

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LUGAR
City Center Library
10350 University Drive, Room 405
Surrey, BC - V3T 4B8

Different language Interpreters Opportunity for Virtual Ready Tours

Ready Tour administration has recently struggled to find interpreters for Ready Tour sessions, we need all languages, especially Spanish, Farsi, and Arabic interpreters.

Virtual Ready Tour sessions are on every other Friday, from 9:30 to 11:30 am (PST)

Below there is a link to a Google form that explains all the requirements and payment details.

Different Language Interpreter-Virtual Ready Tour:

<https://forms.gle/CACGFwMuriAyhiWf9>

Please circulate the message among your colleagues, volunteers, and refugee claimants who are fluent in English and one other language and would like to join the Ready Tour program as an interpreter!

Please send your inquires to Masi: masi@kinbrace.ca

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS - STUDY: HOW DOES TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AFFECT THE WELLBEING AND INTEGRATION OF REFUGEE CLAIMANTS?

MAP Member Michelle Murray-Schlitt is seeking participants in a research study. She is a Former Settlement Worker at Inasmuch Community Society and past member of the Map Information Working Group. She is currently a settlement worker in Montreal, and MA student in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration at the University of London. This study is in fulfillment of her thesis work within the program. She can be reached at mm983@student.london.ac.uk or 604-845-9826.

The key aim of this project is to examine the effects of communal transitional housing on the integration and emotional wellbeing of refugee claimants in Canada. It seeks to investigate in particular the links between communal transitional housing and feelings of home, as told and experienced by refugee claimants who lived in these settings. Research will be conducted through semi-structured qualitative interviews of refugee claimants who have lived in short to medium term (3 month to 2 year) transitional communal housing upon their arrival in Canada, and who have lived in Canada for less than 5 years. Overall, this research will fit into larger discussions of housing security and the integration of newcomer communities in Canadian cities. Results will be shared with community organizations and service providers to better inform our approach and practice. s





WORLD REFUGEE DAY: CONNECTING REFUGEES WITH EMPLOYERS

Looking for work?
Come to our virtual job fair!
Meet with employers who are actively hiring.

June 20, 2023 | 9:30am to Noon

Register today at: <https://tinyurl.com/jobfair062023>



World Refugee Day Event:

Connecting Refugees with Employers

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FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS



FRAUDS AND SCAMS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

1-2:30pm on Teams

Email libraryprograms@surrey.ca to register.

WILL PREPARATION BASICS

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

1-2:30pm at Fleetwood branch

Register at Fleetwood branch or by phone 604-598-7346.



Learn how you can protect yourself from banking scams, phishing scams, and identity theft, as well as what to do if you have been scammed. Understand the pieces and benefits of having a will, and options to consider when making yours.

Registration required.

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Fleetwood branch
15996 84 Ave
604-598-7346

Digital branch
604-598-7901

surreylibraries.ca

 SURREY LIBRARIES
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Surrey Libraries

2 Financial Literacy Workshops (1 poster):

- Frauds and Scams
When: Wednesday June 7th
Where: on Teams
- Will Preparation Basics
When: June 8th
Where: Fleetwood Branch

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 MAP Multi-Agency Partnership BC
Working Together for Better Outcomes

Settlement & Integration Program

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



Homework Club
For newcomer high school students

Saturdays (On Zoom)

Grade 7 & 8 (1:00-2:00pm)

Grade 9 & 10 (2:00-3:00pm)



Do you need help with your homework?

Volunteer tutors will help you with Math, English, Social Studies and other subjects.

May 13 - June 24, 2023

To register, please contact Xinrui:
xinrui@burnabynh.ca

www.burnabynh.ca

Burnaby Neighbourhood House is a community driven and community funded agency located on the unceded territories of the Tsleil-Waututh (salikwəw), Kwikwetlem (kwikwəlam), Squamish (Sjwəw)ʔmesh Uxwumixw and Musqueam (mwaikwəyam) nations with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours.



Burnaby Neighborhood House
Homework Club for newcomer high school students

May 13th to June 24th on Zoom.

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ÉCHATE UN TACO

3-6
PM

CENAS PARA
TRABAJADORES MIGRANTES
CADA PRIMER DOMINGO DE MES

MAYO 7, JUNIO 4, JULIO 2, AGOSTO 6,
SEPTIEMBRE 3 OCTUBRE 1

2023

INFORMACIÓN, RIFAS, REGALOS, TRÁMITES DE IMPUESTOS, TARJETA
MÉDICA, PATERNIDAD, PERMISO TRABAJO ABIERTO, ETC.

LUGAR:

13455-76 AVENUE, SURREY, BC.



MÁS INFORMACIÓN:

604-754-3419 || 778-683-3419 || 778-791-3419

INFO@dignidadmigrantesociety.org

Canada



Echate un taco!

Dinner for Migrant Workers in 3 locations:

- Surrey
- Chilliwack
- Oliver

3 PDFs ATTACHED

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ÉCHATE UN TAGO

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CENAS PARA TRABAJADORES MIGRANTES CADA ÚLTIMO DOMINGO DE MES

ABRIL 30, MAYO 28, JUNIO 25 (DIA DEL PADRE) | 2023
JULIO 30, AGOSTO 27, SEPTIEMBRE 24

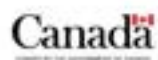
RIFAS, REGALOS, TRÁMITES DE IMPUESTOS, TARJETA MÉDICA, PATERNIDAD, PERMISO DE TRABAJO ABIERTO, ETC.

LUGAR:
SKWAH HALL, 619 WELLINGTON AVE. CHILLIWACK



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3-6 PM

CENAS PARA TRABAJADORES MIGRANTES CADA 2º DOMINGO DE MES

MAYO 14, JUNIO 24, JULIO 16, AGOSTO 6, SEPTIEMBRE 17 (FERIA DE SALUD Y FIESTA DE INDEPENDENCIA), OCTUBRE 8 | 2023

INFORMACIÓN, RIFAS, REGALOS, TRÁMITES DE IMPUESTOS, TARJETA MÉDICA, PATERNIDAD, PERMISO TRABAJO ABIERTO, ETC.

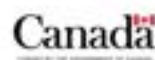
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From the Collaborative Network to End Exploitation

June 6th: *Settler Colonialism and Human Trafficking*

Speaker: Shelagh Roxburgh, Ph.D. Political Studies (Comparative Politics and Political Theory)

June 13

Speaker: Kayla Spagnoli

June 20

Speaker: Sasha Sky

June 27

Speaker: Jennisha Wilson

July 4

OTHER SPEAKER DETAILS TO COME

REGISTER AT:

<https://cnee.eventbrite.ca>



Decolonizing Anti-Human Trafficking

a Do No Harm discussion

How does the colonial history of this land known as Canada shape the way Indigenous peoples and communities encounter and experience human trafficking?

How does anti-human trafficking work replicate and reinforce colonial systems of oppression?

Join us for a Do No Harm: a gathering for anti-human trafficking advocates to learn from experts and critically reflect on our work.

Tuesdays, 1pm Eastern, starting June 6.

Visit <https://cnee.eventbrite.ca> to register

