



MAP Multi-Agency
Partnership BC
Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

MAP Bulletin # 20

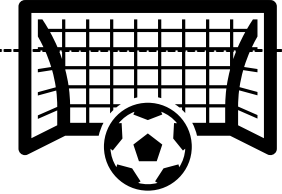
May 22, 2024

Dear MAP members,

How are you doing? 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! 1/2

Registering refugee claimant kids in soccer just got a lot easier!



Refugee claimant children love soccer. When they join a team in Canada, they make friends, feel valued for their skills, have fun, and learn English.

MAP volunteers have been working to create registration charts for each city in the Lower Mainland to help settlement workers and parents navigate the leagues, register children and help parents find financial support.

We have now uploaded the information onto the MAP website under resources! <https://mapbc.org/soccer-opportunities-for-refugee-claimant-children-and-youth/>

- Choose the city in the Lower mainland where the child resides (If it says not yet available, check back in a couple of days, we are waiting for the leagues to post the information)
- Check the birth year for the players, leagues are for ages 4 to 18.
- The chart takes you straight to information, the registration form, and sources of financial assistance.

The leagues are **now registering players for fall 2024 and winter 2025**. Teams and activities fill up quickly, so sign up now!



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Interpreters for IRCC Eligibility interviews:

Thank you to those who raised the issue that IRCC no longer provides interpretation for refugee claimant eligibility interviews at the last MAP meeting. Some of you suggested that interpretation could be done over the phone.

MAP requested clarification from IRCC and they have confirmed that refugee claimants can make a call from their own device to someone who can interpret for them over the phone.

For those refugee claimants who do not have any connections in the community to rely on for interpretations, Jenny Moss has kindly offered to connect settlement workers or refugee claimant clients to volunteer interpreters (Thank you Jenny!).

However, please note:

- this is NOT a guaranteed service as the interpreters are volunteers and may have other commitments.
- Last minute requests cannot be accommodated, please give enough notice to Jenny to make arrangements
- Jenny may not always be available, so this should be a last resort to be used on occasion, not a regular go-to option

You can text Jenny at 778-835-3760 or email at mossco53@gmail.com. Texts are preferred over calls and emails.

Thank you for all you are doing to support vulnerable refugee claimants
Sara Lopez, Sireen El Nashar and Katya Avalos, MAP Executive



MAP BC Online Presentation
**Refugee Claims from
Beginning to End**



Presenter:

**Prabhpreet
Kaur Sangha**

B.A., J.D.
LEHALLAW Corporation
pksangha@lehallaw.com

📅 Thursday June 13, 2024

🕒 2:00 pm

📺 via Zoom

Register here:



Join us to learn the details of the
refugee claim process, from
beginning to end



Questions? info@mapbc.org

MAP BC online presentation: "Refugee Claims from beginning to end"

Learn the details of what goes into a refugee claim application and get a chance to have your questions answered by refugee lawyer Prabhpreet Kaur Sangha.

This presentation will inform the MAP community, frontline workers and anyone supporting refugee claimants/asylum seekers on the steps and stages of the refugee claim process. Registration is open to anyone who wants to learn about this topic.

June 13th, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcocuGtpj4qE90nkbE Gxh7VxwekuAccJvTf>

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Safe Haven program

Free settlement, employment, language, housing and counselling support for refugee claimants and other humanitarian newcomers

Refugee claimants need support in their journey, and Safe Haven can help.

DIVERSECITY offers free, multilingual, wraparound services in Surrey and Delta that can support you including:

- Settlement and immigration information
- Claims submission support and assistance completing forms
- English language assessment and formal language training
- Short-term non-clinical counselling and psycho-social trauma counselling
- Customized employment counselling, job skills support and short-term training (e.g., FoodSafe, First Aid, etc.)
- Housing search
- 2SLGBTQ+ support
- Legal navigation and more

Who's eligible?

- Refugee claimants are eligible for all of the provided services.
- Asylum seekers can access settlement and claims submission support.
- Mental health supports are also available for refugees, CUAET visa holders and other humanitarian newcomers.

LEARN MORE

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safehaven@dcrs.ca
dcrs.ca/safehaven

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Ilaha Saifi
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Workshops and events

- Job fairs and hiring events
- Workplace rights and responsibilities workshops
- Employment readiness training
- Career and labour market workshops
- Resumé and cover letter workshops
- Canadian workplace culture, interview skills, digital literacy and more

Languages

- Punjabi
- Spanish
- Dari
- Pashto
- French
- Arabic
- Tigrinya

Languages and eligibility for each service are listed at the bottom of the page.

Partner organizations

Some Safe Haven services are delivered via our partners in Surrey and Delta including:



Sources Community Resources Centres
Claims submissions support, immigration information and application assistance



Options Community Services
Settlement, labour market and accommodation support



YWCA
Emergency housing support and long-term housing search support



Muslim Food Bank
Settlement information and housing search in English, Dari and Pashto



UMOJA Operation Compassion Society
Settlement services and housing search support in French and Tigrinya



Pacific Immigrant Resources Society (PIRS)
Settlement and labour market services for women



Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS)
Settlement and labour market services, and housing referrals in Delta



Sher Vancouver
2SLGBTQ+ settlement support

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Common Frauds & Scams in Canada and how to avoid them

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This class is for:

- ✓ Refugee Claimants and other newcomers

Class Information

English Class: Monday, June 17 6:30pm to 8pm on Zoom
Facilitator: Thao from Family Services of Vancouver

Register online: www.inasmuch.ca under Classes

The zoom link will be emailed to you after you register

Topics will include:

- Common scams in Canada
- Scams affecting individuals
- Email, phone calls, delivery and in person scams
- How to protect yourself
- What to do if you are a victim
- How to report a fraud



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How to begin to heal from the past and find peace in the present



2 part series presented by:

Deanna Dumont Van Woudenberg
B. ED. MA RCC
Cedar Circle Counselling
deanna@cedarcirclecounselling.com
www.cedarcirclecounselling.com

Please note: This workshop is designed as a psych-education session which will be beneficial to your mental well being, but is not considered therapy. Participants will be encouraged to visit counselors in the area that speak their native tongue to work through traumas with them as needed.



Monday, May 27, 2024
Monday, June 2, 2024
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



On Zoom - the link will be emailed to you after registration



To register visit www.inasmuch.ca and register under How to begin to heal?

You are invited to Attend

This workshop will be in English and is designed for Refugee Claimants, Convention Refugees, Displaced Ukrainians and other newcomers. (Translations will be available on Zoom by turning on captions)

The seminar will include an online presentation and a question and answer period. You are encouraged to attend both sessions.





[View full PCN newsletter here](#)

Local News

- [FH Best Beginnings Supports Vulnerable Pregnant and Post-partum Individuals](#)
 - [Register for the Program](#)
- **September 4 Webinar** | [Services for Children and Youth with Support Needs: Emergent Themes and Concepts from Ongoing Engagement and Research](#)
- **May 31 Event** | [SPRC Disability Resource Community Pop-up](#)
- **June 9 Event** | [Walk of Ages Supporting Homeless Seniors](#)
- Walk With Your Doc 2024 a Success!





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Client Supports

- **June 4 Webinar** | [Self Harm: There is Always Help, There is Always Hope](#)
- **June 11 Event** | Older Adults and Vascular Disease: Life After Heart Surgery
- Virtual Program: Chronic Conditions Self-Management

Organizational Supports

- Advance Care Planning Facilitator Workshops
- **June 12 Virtual Info Session** | [FamilySmart Help for Hard Times](#)
- **June 27 Webinar** | [Dementia-friendly Communities](#)



Refugee Research Network



May 16 2024: RRN Research Digest

[Read RRN Research Digest here](#)

JOURNEY TO HOPE

An Evening of Inspiration Hosted by
 **inasmuch**

Be inspired.

Experience a musical reenactment of a refugee claimant family's journey to safety in Canada

Learn how you can partner with Inasmuch to transform fear into life-giving hope

2 dates/2 locations

May 31 - Chilliwack Alliance Church


June 21 - Northview Community Church


For More Information Visit our website www.inasmuch.ca

Reserve your FREE ticket today at www.inasmuch.ca/journey-to-hope

Special performance by Creo Artists: www.creoartists.com

Refreshments will be served

 Both Locations
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

 Chilliwack Alliance Church
8790 Young Road, Chilliwack

Northview Community Church3
32040 Downes Road, Abbotsford

Inasmuch is a registered Canadian Charity (Number: 843384706R0001) 

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FREE TICKET TODAY



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¡ÉCHATE UN TACO!

Habrán rifas, juegos, regalos, información y trámites

¡EVENTO GRATUITO!

Tendremos bisteces a la mexicana y agua de frutas

Para mayor informes:
+1 (778) 751-3419
+1 (778) 538-3419 / +1 (604) 754-3419

 **Chilliwack Activity Center**
9400 Colleague St
Chilliwack BC



Settlement & Integration Program

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



CONVERSATION CIRCLE FOR ARAB WOMEN NEWCOMERS

MAY 03-JULY 26
ONLINE
10:30 AM -12:00PM

- Find new friends
- Connect with newcomers
- Improve your English.

For registration, please contact us:

sihamaa@burnabynh.ca ; Tel: 236 8772517

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جلسات المحادثة الانجليزية للسيدات القادمات الجدد اونلاين الجمعة

MAY 03-JULY 26
10:30 AM -12:00PM

العثور على أصدقاء جدد
تواصل مع القادمين الجدد
حسن لغتك الانجليزية

للراغبات في التسجيل نرجو التواصل مع:

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EMPOWERING ARABS WOMEN NEWCOMERS

MAY 07-JUNE 11
TUESDAY
12:00-2:00PM

LEARN ABOUT:

- Pyramid of human needs
- Success concepts and keys
- SMART goals setting
- Positive personality
- Personal change
- Self values and development

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تمكين النساء العربيات الجدد

MAY 07-JUNE 11
الثلاثاء
12:00-2:00PM

تعلمي عن:

- هرم الاحتياجات البشرية
- مفاهيم ومفاتيح النجاح
- تحديد الأهداف الذكية
- الشخصية الإيجابية
- التغيير الشخصي
- قيم الذات وتطويرها

للراغبات في التسجيل نرجو التواصل مع:

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MAYO

ENTRE MUJERES

"Ningún idioma puede expresar el poder, belleza y heroísmo del amor de una madre".



MAYO 1 - Amasando y horneando conchas para el día de la madre.



MAYO 8 - La Salud mental y nuestro entorno, Resiliencia en el de asentamiento.



MAYO 15 - El poder de la energía femenina. Empezando la sanación en nuestro hogar



MAYO 22 - Conociendo mas del mercado laboral, en la búsqueda del trabajo.



MAYO 29 - Encuentro social y celebremos a las mamás.

Wednesdays 6 - 8 pm

800 East Broadway, Vancouver,

Vicky valbarracin@mpnh.org

604-879-8202 Ext 205



Link para el registro



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MAY

BETWEEN WOMEN

"No language can express the power, beauty and heroism of a mother's love."



MAY 1 - Kneading and baking shells for Mother's Day.



MAY 8 - Mental health and our environment, Resilience in the settlement.



MAY 15 - The power of feminine energy. Starting healing in our home



MAY 22 - Knowing more about the labor market, in the search for work.



MAY 29 - Social gathering and let's celebrate the mothers.

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Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House



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