

Immigration contributes \$947,370 towards newcomers in Hamilton, Ontario

The new funding will go towards helping newcomers in Hamilton. It will access a variety of settlement services, which includes language training, help in finding a job in Canada, getting settled in their new community, as well as providing child-minding spots so that parents with young children can participate in these programs.

In fact, through the Canada-Ontario Immigration Agreement (COIA), the Canadian Immigration Department has increased settlement funding for Ontario by a total of \$920 million over five years.

"We want more immigrants to come to Canada and we are committed to helping immigrants begin their new lives in our country," said Canadian Immigration and Citizenship Minister Diane Finley.

"This funding will give newcomers in the Hamilton area access to a number of valuable services, providing the support they need as they integrate into the community. Their success is good for Hamilton and good for Canada as a whole."

Helping newcomers settle, adapt, and integrate into Canadian society is a high priority for Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC). Through programs delivered in partnership with the Canadian provinces, the Government is able to provide services such as:

- Immigrant Settlement and Adaptation Program, which provides orientation, referrals to community resources, advice and guidance;
- Language Instruction for newcomers to Canada, which provides basic language training for adults;
- The Host Program, which helps newcomers connect with volunteers who help them access services, establish contacts in their field of work and participate in the community;
- Foreign Credentials Referral Office (FCRO), established in 2007 with over 320 Service Canada centres across Canada, providing information, path-finding and referral services to help internationally trained individuals use their skills in Canada.

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