

## **Newcomer Children and Youth Coordination Committee**

Newcomer children and youth experience multiple challenges and barriers as they navigate through adjustment and settlement pathways. Service providers provide primary settlement services, education systems navigation support, language education, social and recreational programming, etc., to support newcomer children and youth in educational pursuits and overall wellbeing.

As more newcomer children and youth arrive in Kingston, there is a growing need to enhance the coordination of services and communication among frontline newcomer children and youth service providers.

The Newcomer Children and Youth Coordination Committee's vision is that newcomer children and youth experience coordinated and integrated services, increasing their sense of belonging and supporting aspirations.

The Newcomer Children and Youth Coordination Committee aims to meet monthly and:

- implements inter-sectoral collaboration and coordination of newcomer children and youth services to address complex challenges
- increases nimbleness, communication, and responsiveness among newcomer service providers
- shares service and community updates, events, activities, and resources
- identifies service and equity gaps for newcomer children and youth and actively works towards closing them
- develops strategies to attend to priority areas and mitigates systemic barriers experienced by newcomer children and youth

Membership includes representatives from:

- Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board
- KCHC - Pathways to Education
- KCHC - Immigrant Services Kingston & Area
- KEYS Employment and Newcomer Services
- Limestone District School Board
- Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est
- Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario
- Centre des services communautaires Vanier
- Maltby Centre
- Family and Children's Services of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington
- Réseau de soutien à l'immigration francophone de l'Est de l'Ontario (RSIFEO)

If you are interested in joining the Newcomer Children and Youth Coordination Committee, contact [infokip@kchc.ca](mailto:infokip@kchc.ca)