

# Archway

Community Services



## Overview of Newcomer Services

**Registered in 1969, Archway Community Services is a non-profit, multi-service, multi-funded community based social service agency.**

### Our Mission

Archway Community Services fosters community well-being and social justice through positive action and leadership.

### Our Vision

Justice, opportunities and equitable access for all.

### Our Values

Inclusivity, Compassion, Excellence



# Newcomer Programs

- Immigrant Settlement
- SWIS
- Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants
- SAFE HAVEN
- Community Connections
- LINC
- Immigrant Youth Services
- Moving Ahead Program
- RAP
- Employment Mentors



# Immigrant Settlement Program

Settlement workers facilitate the adaptation process for immigrants and refugees by providing:

- Information
- Orientation
- Assessment
- Supported referrals
- Education workshops
- Short-term adaptation counselling
- Info about societies in British Columbia
- Guidance & support on personal/family issues
- Connections to the broader community

# SWIS: Settlement Workers in Schools

- Help with registration at the assigned school
- School orientation
- Arrange school tours and meetings with the Principal or Counsellor
- General information about the school system & preparation
- Ensuring student's needs and issues are communicated
- Support two-way communication between the family and school



# Services are Provided in the Following Languages

- Albanian
- Arabic
- Bosnian
- Cantonese
- Dari
- Dinka
- English
- Farsi
- French
- Hindi
- Japanese
- Korean
- Macedonian
- Mandarin
- Pashto
- Punjabi
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Serbo-Croatian
- Spanish
- Swahili
- Taiwanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Ukrainian
- Vietnamese





# Family Fun Day!

# SAFE HAVEN

Supporting refugee claimants in the Fraser Valley to adapt to their new community and Canadian society

## People We Help

We help people living in the Fraser Valley (Abbotsford, Langley, Mission, and Chilliwack) who are:

- Asylum Seekers (People who are already in Canada and intend to submit a claim for refugee protection)
- Refugee Claimants
- Refugees (Counselling only)
- Ukrainians under CUAET (Counselling only)

## Services Available

### **Settlement Support**

Eligibility: Refugee Claimants and Asylum Seekers

### **Customized Employment Support**

Eligibility: Refugee Claimants

### **Trauma & Mental Health Counselling**

Eligibility: Refugee Claimants, Refugees, Ukrainian CUAET holders, certain humanitarian newcomers

### **English Classes**

Eligibility: Refugee Claimants



# Career Path for Skilled Immigrants



Services provided include:

- Financial assistance for credential evaluation
- Licensing and skills upgrading
- Career planning and ongoing support
- Resume revision and employment search support
- Connections to local employers

# Community Connections

## Conversation Circles

Newcomers can connect with each other, practice speaking English and learn about Canadian culture and their new community from a volunteer.



## Citizenship Preparation

These sessions give support as newcomers study for the knowledge test for Canadian Citizenship.

## Parenting Life Skills

6-week educational series for newcomer parents to support them in the unique challenges of parenting in a new country.



# LINC

## Language Instruction for Newcomers

The LINC program aims to improve reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in English.

Students will learn about Canada, becoming a citizen, politics, history, and geography.

Students learn about working and living in Canada, rights and freedoms, housing, employment, and education.



# Immigrant Youth Services



Immigrant Youth Services offers a variety of programs to help newcomer youth integrate into life in Canada.



- Culture Club
- After School Program
- One-on-One

Immigrant Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS)



# Moving Ahead Program

Services include:

Intake and in-home assessment

Case management of individual client files

Settlement information and counselling

Practical assistance & supported access to services

Support groups and workshops

Life skills, literacy and essential skills development



# Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP)

Supporting Government-Assisted Refugees (GARs) and other eligible clients upon arrival in Canada

## Services include:

- One on one needs assessment
- Provision of temporary accommodation
- Securing permanent accommodation
- Immediate and essential orientation
- Links to essential federal and provincial programs and services
- Orientation on rights and responsibilities, norms and values as a new Canadian
- Referral to settlement and broader-based community services





# Employment Mentors Program

## Services for Immigrants Include:

One-on-one mentorship with an experienced professional in your chosen field

One-on-one employment coaching

Employment readiness training

Industry specific networking opportunities

Goal setting and professional development workshops

Employment resource workshops

Access to employment resources and local networks





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