

Attachment 1: Toronto Newcomer Initiative

The Toronto Newcomer Initiative includes five pilot projects within two broad objectives:

Objective 1: Enhance City Service Systems directly or in partnership, including:

1. **Settlement Workers in City Services**
Settlement workers have been placed city-wide with Children's Services; Shelter, Support and Housing Administration; Parks, Forestry and Recreation and Toronto Public Health. Through work on this project, divisions are learning how to create increased access and enhanced programming for newcomers on an ongoing basis and in particular how collaborations with the community-based sector may enhance newcomer access to City services.
2. **Newcomer Recreational Programming**
Parks, Forestry, and Recreation are developing and implementing enhanced and specialized programming specifically geared to newcomers. Insights from this program will inform how PFR can continue to tailor programs to better serve newcomers on an ongoing basis.
3. **Supporting Families During Separation and Reunification**
This pilot program uses peer support and mentorship to bring families together, who have been separated through the process of migration. It helps newcomer parents to better understand the needs of their children and youth and to help develop positive social skills to resolve dilemmas around racism and intergenerational and intercultural conflict. Learnings from this project along with the others led by Toronto Public Health will help inform ongoing directions of Public Health program design and implementation.

Objective 2: Enhance the Broader Service System through Research and Coordination, including:

4. **Newcomer Health Research**
Toronto Public Health is collaborating with academics, community based researchers and settlement agencies to complete a research and knowledge integration project to better understand the health status and health needs of recent immigrants. This research will supplement pilot service project learnings for Toronto Public Health to develop strategies to better support the health outcomes of newcomers.
5. **City-Wide Local Immigration Partnership Table**
This is a partnership table that facilitates the development of dialogue among multiple stakeholders to help coordinate the planning and delivery of services to newcomers. Representatives are from local planning tables, various government ministries, institutions and the for-profit sector. The work of this table will map the service system and support the development of a City of Toronto Newcomer strategy through consultation and input from stakeholders.