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1. What is the issue and/or need you want to talk about

   I was new to Canada, I came two years ago to help my daughter who was in a bad relationship. We didn't know where to go or get help when we came here. I started taking ESL classes to learn English to help my daughter. I told the teacher my situation and she told me to call 911 or 211. We called 211 and they told me to call 911. We were scared but he didn't hit us, only verbally threatened. Some didn't call 911.

2. Why is it important to you and your community?

   It is important for teachers and 911 operators to know how to get people in these kinds of situations to the right kind of services. We needed shelter and settlement services. One of my classmates was the one who told me where to go.

3. What change do you want to see happen?

   I would like for staff to be able to provide better help for women and families in my situation.

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Presently looking for employment, and as a single mom I am looking for childcare for me to be able to attend training & interviews, however without childcare it been in possible I can't find part-time daycare spaces so I can find employment.

2. Why is it important to you and your community?

Because there is several woman in my community who are single moms who are looking for employment.

3. What change do you want to see happen?

I really would like to see some help for woman or single parents who are looking for employment.
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   - rents (high rental cost and high vacancy rates, esp. condos)
   - TTC (not enough service in rush hours, semi-empty in off hours)

2. Why is it important to you and your community?
   - rentals constitute big % of monthly expenses, high demand for all sorts of rental apt
   - transportation is key to any activity in the city

3. What change do you want to see happen?
   - programmes for tax reductions/exemptions for landowners who provide rental options at reduced cost (to reduce their vacancy rates)
   - low-cost TTC tokens/discounts during off-hours

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   - I was a teacher (high school French) in Morocco
   - My husband was an engineer (topography) in Morocco
   - We came to Canada in 2011, and we cannot access jobs in our field
   - To get our equivalency is very expensive
   - Because we cannot find jobs, we have to apply for OW

2. Why is it important to you and your community?
   - Because we have a family (4 children)
   - We don’t get any respect being poor
   - This is an issue for many immigrants in Canada

3. What change do you want to see happen?
   - New immigrants need to be able to access jobs in their field
   - When we came to Canada, we expected a better life
   - We heard Canada was a haven, but because of equality, law, peace
   - I regret coming to Canada

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Firstly, let's not ignore people's wants and needs.
Single or not and single I am. I still need help to purchase healthy food. - Fruit & Vegetables.

Food Vouchers in my name so as to purchase food.
- Healthy foods. Options to purchase hygienic products, toilet paper, laundry detergent etc.

Let us know who we can speak with to express our views.
How can we access better information pertaining our Rights?

2. Why is it important to you and your community?

I want to live well, so does everyone else.

Adovcates to help.

Get our Workers to comply with proper help should we ask for assistance in: heating bills, hydro bills, Fitness places to reduce stress.

3. What change do you want to see happen?

Pay more attention to our needs. Listen to us and directed us - Human Rights.
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Proper nutrition supplement programs to avoid diabetes and get extra money after he gets a disease, this issue was about my son.
Employment opportunities
Proper Housing, no drugs, no noise, safety; Individual
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Large apartment with several drug addicts, problem personalities.

2. Why is it important to you and your community?

It is important to have proper housing as I can properly raise my children and for proper mental health, reduce stress, reduce anxiety so I will not have anger and take it out on them.

3. What change do you want to see happen?

I would like to see proper housing taken care of; you cannot thrive without a proper foundation free of stress and drugs, noise, safety, cost = affordable.

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- Homelessness
- Absentee Dads & Moms
- Addicted Society

2. Why is it important to you and your community?

- Safety
- Speed Bumps
- Free TTC - 15 Wage Start

3. What change do you want to see happen?

Stop building things and take care of the suffering first. Every time another country needs help we send it. Yet, there's still poverty here? 😞
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   Housing

2. Why is it important to you and your community?

   Accommodation is a basic need. Housing is for too overpriced

3. What change do you want to see happen?

   Raise the interest rates

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