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## Action for Healthy Communities (AHC)

[www.a4hc.ca](http://www.a4hc.ca)

Mission: AHC works with all people but especially with marginalized and disadvantaged individuals and communities, to build their capacity to address the determinants of wellbeing and prosperity.

Vision: Active individuals and groups committed to using their skills, knowledge, culture and values to build a stronger and healthier society.

Name of program	Who can attend	How to refer
Children Summer Camps	For immigrant children grades 1 – 6. Fun and health activities to enhance social, physical, and emotional health.	Soliana Okbamichael <a href="mailto:Soliana.Okbamichel@a4hc.ca">Soliana.Okbamichel@a4hc.ca</a>
Employment Readiness	For immigrant youth ages 15 – 24 years old who need one-on-one employment-related support. Group workshops on how to get your first job, how to level up your job skills, and how to job search.	Basem Alabd Alrahim <a href="mailto:basem.alrahim@a4hc.ca">basem.alrahim@a4hc.ca</a>
In-person Learning Table (Academic support)	For immigrant youth in grades 3 – 12. Academic support, homework help, reading/writing/speaking English.	Basem Alabd Alrahim <a href="mailto:basem.alrahim@a4hc.ca">basem.alrahim@a4hc.ca</a>
Leadership Project	For immigrant youth ages 15 – 24 years old who want to develop leadership skills through a youth led community project.	Basem Alabd Alrahim <a href="mailto:basem.alrahim@a4hc.ca">basem.alrahim@a4hc.ca</a>
Online and In-person Youth Talk (Conversation circle)	For immigrant youth in grades 7 – 12 who want to improve their English speaking. They'll learn to properly express their feelings and opinions in English, learn expressions and idioms to use in different contexts, and connect with other newcomer youth.	Basem Alabd Alrahim <a href="mailto:basem.alrahim@a4hc.ca">basem.alrahim@a4hc.ca</a>
Pathways to STEM for Racialized Girls (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)	For racialized immigrant girls in grades 7 – 12. To empower racialized girls to explore and broaden their career options.	Kevwe Dabor <a href="mailto:kevwe.dabor@a4hc.ca">kevwe.dabor@a4hc.ca</a>
Sports Activities	For immigrant children and youth ages 11 – 18 who want to join after school sport activities (Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls multisport, Cultural Dance).	Aisulu Abdykadyrova <a href="mailto:aisulu.abdykadyrova@a4hc.ca">aisulu.abdykadyrova@a4hc.ca</a>

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STEM Kids Club	For children in grades 3 – 6. After school program at partner schools.	Soliana Okbamichael <a href="mailto:Soliana.Okbamichael@a4hc.ca">Soliana.Okbamichael@a4hc.ca</a>
Youth Entrepreneurship (Business Training)	For youth ages 16 – 24 who want to learn how to start their own business as an alternative career path and build their knowledge, skills and find required resources for developing their business.	Basem Alabd Alrahim <a href="mailto:basem.alrahim@a4hc.ca">basem.alrahim@a4hc.ca</a>
Youth Summer Camps	For Immigrant youth who are going into Grades 10 – 12 in September. Five high school credits. The locations are at several high schools where a high number of immigrant students are. Please check the sites in May.”	Basem Alabd Alrahim <a href="mailto:basem.alrahim@a4hc.ca">basem.alrahim@a4hc.ca</a>

## Alberta Immigrant Women & Children Centre (AIWCC)

[www.aiwcc.ca](http://www.aiwcc.ca)

Mission: We provide resources and share knowledge to empower women and families in Alberta. Through community collaborations, we create programs, promote opportunities and build connections to support healthy and vibrant communities.

Vision: Immigrant women and their families are empowered to overcome barriers and achieve their full potential.

Name of program	Who can attend	How to refer
After School Club	When students of parents need support in digital literacy, communication with schools, individual mentoring and counselling, group task assistance.	Mohamed Abukar <a href="mailto:Mohamed.a@aiwcc.ca">Mohamed.a@aiwcc.ca</a>

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Employment Support	The program supports youth with entering the workforce or moving on to further education. Programs include career exploration, resume or cover letter building and interview preparation.	Shukri Othman <a href="mailto:shukri.o@aiwcc.ca">shukri.o@aiwcc.ca</a>
Food Security	If a child and their family are experiencing any food insecurity. We provide food hampers Monday to Thursdays from 9 am – 3 pm.	Nuria Mahmoud <a href="mailto:Nuria.m@aiwcc.ca">Nuria.m@aiwcc.ca</a>
Hippy Program	For children between the ages of 3 and 5. Structured lessons that enable the newcomers to gain confidence in their own capacity to help prepare their children for entering school.	Gloria Wenyeye <a href="mailto:Gloria.w@aiwcc.ca">Gloria.w@aiwcc.ca</a>
Homework Club	If any grade student needs additional support with homework, life skills, and social support.	Shukri Othman <a href="mailto:shukri.o@aiwcc.ca">shukri.o@aiwcc.ca</a>
School Break Spring Camp	Our camps are packed full of fun and adventure in a safe place for children and youth to build new friendships, explore new environments and make memories that will last a lifetime.	Shukri Othman <a href="mailto:shukri.o@aiwcc.ca">shukri.o@aiwcc.ca</a>
School Break Summer Camp	This four-week summer program offers activities on leadership, art, physical education, academic support, and dhaqan (cultural awareness). The program is offered every July of each year.	Shukri Othman <a href="mailto:shukri.o@aiwcc.ca">shukri.o@aiwcc.ca</a>

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School Break Winter Camp	Our camps are packed full of fun and adventure in a safe place for children and youth to build new friendships, explore new environments and make memories that will last a lifetime.	Shukri Othman <a href="mailto:shukri.o@aiwcc.ca">shukri.o@aiwcc.ca</a>
Youth Mentorship and Leadership	Youth Mentorship and Leadership initiative is designed as a collaborative project to address the social gap by building the capacity of youth to be champions in the community. The goal is to help the youth gain valuable experience, take advantage of networking opportunities and develop the skills to become future leaders. We provide education, skills building, resources, networking, and strong community support to enable our participants to achieve their definition of success, eradicating systemic barriers and thus, create diverse leaders.	Khalid Issa <a href="mailto:Khalid.i@aiwcc.ca">Khalid.i@aiwcc.ca</a>

## Boys and Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton and Area (BGCBigS)

[www.bgcbigs.ca](http://www.bgcbigs.ca)

Mission: To provide safe supportive spaces and positive mentoring relationships where young people experience new opportunities and develop confidence and skills for life.

Vision: All young people discover and achieve their full potential.

Name of program	Who can attend	How to refer
Big Brother Big Sister Program	Youth 6 – 18 who could benefit from a positive role model.	Online application at <a href="http://BGCBigs.ca">BGCBigs.ca</a>  Katrina Lee <a href="mailto:Katrina.lee@bgcbigs.ca">Katrina.lee@bgcbigs.ca</a>

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Name of program	Who can attend	How to refer
<p>PRISM (Pride, Respect, Identity, Safety, Mentoring)</p>	<p>PRISM is a mentoring program designed specifically for the 2SLGBTQ+ community in Edmonton.</p> <p>The PRISM program matches children and youth who identify as 2SLGBTQ+ with an adult mentor who also identifies as 2SLGBTQ+ for a 1:1 mentoring relationship. Through regular outings, the match will foster a supportive, empowering, and fun friendship!</p> <p>The purpose of a PRISM match is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide role models for 2SLGBTQ+ children and youth</li> <li>• Foster pride and self-confidence</li> <li>• Create connections within Edmonton's 2SLGBTQ+ community</li> <li>• Offer 2SLGBTQ+ children and youth a safe adult mentor to have conversations with, provide support and celebrate who they are</li> <li>• and above all, have fun!</li> </ul>	<p>Online application at <a href="http://BGCBigs.ca">BGCBigs.ca</a></p> <p>Amerdep Deol  <a href="mailto:Amerdep.deol@bgcbigs.ca">Amerdep.deol@bgcbigs.ca</a></p>
<p>Club Programming</p>	<p>Registered after school programming at one of our 10 locations in Edmonton for youth between 6 and 18.</p> <p>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs Big Brothers Big Sisters (BGCBigs) operates nine registered Community Clubs that are safe and fun places for kids to go after school and during the summer. They provide kids with opportunities to connect with positive role models and peers, enjoy a healthy meal, and explore our core program areas: arts and culture, physical activity, health and nutrition, academic support, personal growth, empowerment, life skills, and leadership.</p>	<p>Online application at <a href="http://BGCBigs.ca">BGCBigs.ca</a></p> <p>Katrina Lee  <a href="mailto:Katrina.lee@bgcbigs.ca">Katrina.lee@bgcbigs.ca</a></p>

## Catholic Social Services (CSS)

[www.cssalberta.ca](http://www.cssalberta.ca)

Mission: As a Catholic social services agency, we are guided by faith to care for and bring hope to people in need with humility, compassion and respect.

Vision: Inspired by God's love, our communities will be transformed through service to people of all faiths and cultures.

Name of program	Who can attend	How to refer
Intercultural Education Program	This program encourages youth to reflect on their culture back home and the culture here and tries to create awareness of balancing both cultures.	Isolde Schmid <a href="mailto:Isolde.schmid@cssalberta.ca">Isolde.schmid@cssalberta.ca</a>  John Lendein <a href="mailto:John.lendein@cssalberta.ca">John.lendein@cssalberta.ca</a>
Parent-Teen-Mediation Program	If a Child/Youth and their family are experiencing any family conflict. In this program we prepare conflicting sides and have respectful conversations in order to find solutions that work for both sides.	Isolde Schmid <a href="mailto:Isolde.schmid@cssalberta.ca">Isolde.schmid@cssalberta.ca</a>  John Lendein <a href="mailto:John.lendein@cssalberta.ca">John.lendein@cssalberta.ca</a>
Take Control of Anger	If a Child/Youth and their family are experiencing any family conflict.	Isolde Schmid <a href="mailto:Isolde.schmid@cssalberta.ca">Isolde.schmid@cssalberta.ca</a>  John Lendein <a href="mailto:John.lendein@cssalberta.ca">John.lendein@cssalberta.ca</a>
Parenting in 2 Cultures	If a Child/Youth and their family are experiencing any family conflict. Parents can build positive relationships with their children and how they can improve the communication in their family.	<a href="mailto:Parenting2cultures@cssalberta.ca">Parenting2cultures@cssalberta.ca</a>
Parenting Teenagers in Canada	If a Child/Youth and their family are experiencing any family conflict.	Isolde Schmid <a href="mailto:Isolde.schmid@cssalberta.ca">Isolde.schmid@cssalberta.ca</a>  John Lendein <a href="mailto:John.lendein@cssalberta.ca">John.lendein@cssalberta.ca</a>



## Edmonton Immigrant Services Association (EISA)

[www.eisa-edmonton.org](http://www.eisa-edmonton.org)

Mission: EISA exists in order to provide programs and direct services relating to Integration, Settlement, Adaptation and Education for new immigrants, refugees and first generation Canadians in Edmonton and surrounding areas regardless of age, gender, religion, nationality, or ethnic origin to assist them to make a smooth transition into Canadian life.

Vision: Newcomers in Edmonton are successfully integrated and actively involved in their communities transformed through service to people of all faiths and cultures.

Name of program	Who can attend	How to refer
After-School Programing	<p>When a student requires academic, life skills and social network support.</p> <p>Newcomer children and youth interested in subject specific tutoring by appointment, or as a participant in the after-school program during group virtual sessions.</p>	<p>Information  <a href="mailto:Info@eisa-edmonton.org">Info@eisa-edmonton.org</a> or</p> <p>Daryn Baddour  <a href="mailto:dbaddour@eisa-edmonton.org">dbaddour@eisa-edmonton.org</a></p>
Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)	<p>For all newcomer students so that they experience successful integration in school.</p>	<p>Information  <a href="mailto:Info@eisa-edmonton.org">Info@eisa-edmonton.org</a> or</p> <p>Daryn Baddour  <a href="mailto:dbaddour@eisa-edmonton.org">dbaddour@eisa-edmonton.org</a></p>

## Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN)

[www.emcn.ab.ca](http://www.emcn.ab.ca)

Vision: We see a future where many citizens walk with newcomers to bridge their transition into the community. To achieve this vision, we will serve as a key catalyst and leading collaborator in positively shaping the attitudes, behaviours and practices of organizations and individuals to value the diversity that newcomers bring to the community.

Name of program	Who can attend	How to refer
Enhanced Settlement Workers in Schools (ESWIS)	Complex case management for children or youth facing significant challenges as they adapt to school and life in Canada.	Abdullah Ahmed <a href="mailto:aahmed@emcn.ab.ca">aahmed@emcn.ab.ca</a>
ESWIS: In-school Based Info and Orientation Sessions	ESWIS offers student info sessions support in navigating them through systems, school policies and access resources and supports. This info sessions are designed in collaboration with schools, EPS, other partners as per the needs identified and areas of interest by the students and schools and communities.	Abdullah Ahmed <a href="mailto:aahmed@emcn.ab.ca">aahmed@emcn.ab.ca</a>
ESWIS: Parents for Children with Disabilities Biweekly Info Session	ESWIS provides biweekly support group information and orientation sessions to newcomer parents and caregiver with a child with disabilities or underlying health conditions.	Abdullah Ahmed <a href="mailto:aahmed@emcn.ab.ca">aahmed@emcn.ab.ca</a>
ESWIS You're Great Dad! Support Group Information Sessions for Fathers	ESWIS provides info sessions for newcomer fathers which focuses on engaging the lives of their children, building strong vibrant father families, assessing, and promoting strengths within their family, encouraging and respecting men in their roles as fathers.	Abdullah Ahmed <a href="mailto:aahmed@emcn.ab.ca">aahmed@emcn.ab.ca</a>

## Francophonie Albertaine Plurielle (FRAP)

[www.frap.ca](http://www.frap.ca)

Mission: Facilitate inclusion and representativeness in all sectors of activity within Alberta's Francophonie and Canadian society and bring diverse communities closer together.

Vision: A renewed Francophone community, characterized by inclusiveness, interculturality, openness to others, respect for diversity and the promotion of human dignity

Mandate: Promote the diversity and social, economic, and cultural inclusion of Francophones and Francophiles while offering services in French to welcome, settle and resettle Francophone and Francophile newcomers in Alberta.

Name of program	Who can attend	How to refer
Edmonton Newcomer Integration and Zonal Outreach Services	Youths in need of community connection and community engagement.	Sabelle Gueye <a href="mailto:sabelle.g@frap.ca">sabelle.g@frap.ca</a>
Homework Club	Students in grades I-12 in either a Francophone School or in a French immersion program in need of academic support and social network support.	Loubna Laaouad (French immersion schools) <a href="mailto:Loubna.l@frap.ca">Loubna.l@frap.ca</a>  Xavier Archambault-Gauthier (Francophone schools) <a href="mailto:Xavier.ag@frap.ca">Xavier.ag@frap.ca</a>
Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)	For all Francophone newcomer students to facilitate their integration into schools.	Loubna Laaouad (French immersion schools) <a href="mailto:Loubna.l@frap.ca">Loubna.l@frap.ca</a>  Xavier Archambault-Gauthier (Francophone schools) <a href="mailto:Xavier.ag@frap.ca">Xavier.ag@frap.ca</a>
Online Tutoring	Students in grades I-12 in either a Francophone School or in a French immersion program in need of individual homework and tutoring support in French. All contact will be online.	Loubna Laaouad (French immersion schools) <a href="mailto:Loubna.l@frap.ca">Loubna.l@frap.ca</a>  Xavier Archambault-Gauthier (Francophone schools) <a href="mailto:Xavier.ag@frap.ca">Xavier.ag@frap.ca</a>
Youth Employment and Skills Strategy Program (YESS)	Youths aged 15 - 30 years old. Individual or Group support to understand and navigate the employment system to get sustainable employment.  Sessions to reinforce their assets, develop skills, and foster youth leadership and mentorship.	Ngena Ali-Ebenga <a href="mailto:Ngena.a@frap.ca">Ngena.a@frap.ca</a>