



Highlighting A Local Initiative – Support for Private Sponsors

Regina Open Door Society has developed a **direct email address** Psr@rods.sk.ca for the sponsoring community to utilize when requesting information and/or support from the agency for sponsored clients. The organization has also developed a housing registry which local landlords can utilize to identify vacancies in rental properties. Private sponsors can **access this information when looking for housing** for sponsored clients. Sponsors can contact Housing@Rods.sk.ca to request the list.

Landlords can access the **housing registry** here <https://rods.sk.ca/pages/housing-registry>

REGINA REGION LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT NEWS - ISSUE #14 - WINTER 2019

RRLIP Project Update

The RRLIP received community feedback about the difficulty newcomers experience distinguishing between the services of *211 Saskatchewan*, *HealthLine 811* and *911*. RRLIP staff, in collaboration with the above providers, has developed a plain-language resource highlighting the three services. The resource is available on the project website: [211, 811, 911 Information Booklet](#).

Also available on the RRLIP website are the following: updated ***Ethnic Grocery Store*** and ***Community Conversation Circle*** lists and the newly developed ***Canadian Housing Adaptation Checklist***. All resources can be accessed at: <http://rrlip.ca/pages/project-resources>.

The RRLIP project has been collaborating with housing sector stakeholders since 2016, convening a table of stakeholders who identified the need for enhanced newcomer supports in relation to Canadian housing adaptation. The Canadian Housing Advisory Committee (CHAC) has been examining a formal training model called RentSmart <https://www.readytorentbc.org/rent-smart/> that can be adapted to this province. In order to move the initiative forward, committee members brainstormed ways to overcome adaptation costs. Collaborative discussions led to a recent CHAC table member, **Regina Treaty/Status Indian Services Inc. (RTSIS)** committing to:

- the Provincial adaptation cost
- the cost of 2 Master Trainers
- providing community training on a continual basis
- providing the Provincial Coordinator role, if required

As RTSIS is involved in rapid rehousing, they realize the need for safe, affordable housing, and the importance of having protection for both landlord and tenant. The entire adaptation and Master Training process will take time, but the RTSIS and all other CHAC members, are committed to moving the initiative forward.

NEW/SENA 2019 (Newcomer Employment Week/Semaine de l'emploi des nouveaux arrivants) plans are moving forward, with involved stakeholders meeting regularly leading up to the event in May 2019. The goals for the week of **May 6th to the 10th** include: **Increase** awareness of newcomer employment opportunities & challenges; **Connect** newcomers with employment opportunities and existing employment support programs; and **Connect** employers with the newcomer workforce and existing support programs.

Employers, we'd appreciate your participation in Newcomer Employment Week (e.g. hosting a workshop, sharing success stories, hiring events, etc.). Please contact the RRLIP office to become involved at 306-791-6846 or info@rrlip.ca.

Funders Forum

Details:

- February 27th, 2019
- Core Ritchie Community Centre; 445 - 14th Ave, Regina
- 9 a.m. until noon (light refreshments will be served)

Who Should Attend?

Newcomer serving agencies, cultural groups and other organizations that are interested in developing or expanding their capacity to serve. Come learn about funding opportunities which could be utilized to support newcomer program, service and resource development.

Attendees will:

- learn about funding opportunities which could be utilized to support newcomer program, service and resource development.
- have an opportunity to share gaps in service provision, with funders present at the event.
- have an opportunity to speak to the funders, one on one, at their information booths.

How to Register?

Follow this link to complete the simple registration form:

<https://www.eventleaf.com/Attendee/Attendee/EventPage?eId=e2tFnisDq3flCfkmLbofnw%3D%3D>

RRLIP Community Forum

Event Details:

- Discuss Wellness Supports, Gaps and Barriers for Newcomers
- February 13th, 2019
- 9 a.m. until noon
- Core Ritchie Community Centre; 445 - 14th Ave, Regina

Who should attend?

Newcomers interested in learning about emotional wellness supports and dealing with stress

Individuals and organizations who would like to share ideas about gaps and barriers for newcomers, in accessing appropriate supports

Service providers who offer emotional health services for individuals and families

Forum goals:

1. Newcomers are connected to service providers
2. Service providers and newcomers discuss existing gaps in service
3. Service providers learn about the barriers to accessing services
4. Increased cross-cultural understanding of emotional health and stress

Event format:

- Service provider presentations
- Brainstorming session (discuss barriers to access)
- Discussion results
- Information booths

Other details:

FREE event
On-site parking (no cost)
Light refreshments provided
Registration required



How to Register? Use this link to complete the short registration form:

<https://www.eventleaf.com/Attendee/Attendee/EventPage?eId=rn8gLK93vhomOJr11liDw%3D%3D>

Canada Revenue Agency - Presentations for Your Organization

Canada Revenue Agency provides free community presentations on topics such as the *Benefits of Filing Your Taxes* (you may be eligible for the Canada Child Benefit, GST Credit, Disability Tax Credit) and *Common Scams targeting Newcomers*. If you'd like the CRA to visit your organization or group, please contact the local office representative at Outreach.Saskatchewan@cra-arc.gc.ca

Thank you to our project partners and funder



Does your Cultural Group or Organization require facility space for your meetings or events?

As a follow-up to community inquiries regarding low/no cost facility space, RRLIP staff toured the Buddhist Centre on 1401 Robinson St. The Centre is available to provide a community gathering place, particularly for different cultures and small groups that have limited funds.

The facility is available for a **small donation (determined through discussions with Centre staff)**, and can be booked 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. The Centre prefers to have space booked on a regular ongoing basis, however 1-time uses are also welcome.

Facility Capacity:

Upstairs

- Open Area (capacity 20-30) for smaller meetings or casual drop-ins (tea/visiting, sewing, games, etc.)
- Enclosed Temple (capacity 100-150).

Downstairs

- Room 1 (capacity 30-50) sink, cabinets and large open area; suitable for dancing, classes, children's activities, crafts, sewing groups, etc. There is room for secure storage of materials/supplies.
- Room 2 (capacity 50-100) Suitable for meetings, celebrations, meals, etc.
- Kitchen (in process of renovation) however groups are welcome to bring their own prepared food in the interim.

For further information or to book facility space, contact:

Dr. K. Govender
306-536-0881 kgovender@sasktel.net 1401 Robinson St (corner of 8th Ave.)

The Regina Region Local Immigration Partnership (RRLIP) is a community initiative designed to strengthen our community's ability to welcome, settle and integrate newcomers.

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<http://www.rrlip.ca> (equipped with Google Translate)