

### Welcoming Newcomers to Rural Ontario: Increasing Access to Programs and Services

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# Create a welcoming community where ALL newcomers feel that they are valued for their skills, abilities, knowledge, and unique experiences.

GOALS



- Act as a catalyst for community planning, enhanced communication and collaboration a cross all sectors
- Vehicle for change by **facilitating round table conversations** with community stakeholders.
- Engage in broad-based strategic planning processes to ensure the ne eds of immigrants are included.



### **FUNDING STRUCTURE**







## WE LIP COUNCIL

- 90+ Organizations: Employer Related, Public Safety, Community Supports, Housing, Settlement & Language, Education, Health, Ethnocultural Groups, Resource Members
- Three (3) Council Meetings
- One (1) Annual Forum



### **IRCC STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

- 1- Establish and maintain an inclusive Partnership Council
- 2- Conduct or Contract out research on Newcomers' needs and community gaps
- 3- Support member-led implementation of Action Plans leveraging community connections and technology
- 4- Conduct LIP-led Knowledge Sharing & Training

5- Work in Partnership on local campaigns and community dialogues focused on **anti-discrimination and/or cultural diversity awareness** 

6- Work in partnership on activities related to **newcomer attraction and retention** 



### EXPANDING

WE LIP engages stakeholders through information sharing, events and a locally-driven strategic planning process to help make Windsor-Essex a more **welcoming and inclusive community**. The partnership strives to assist non-settlement service providers and the community in developing a greater understanding of newcomer needs and services.

In 2020, our mandate was expanded to include Temporary Foreign Workers and International Students.



### HIGHLIGHTS OF TFW INITIATIVES

- Community Conversation: Economic and Social Impact of Temporary Foreign Workers in Essex County
- Workplace Wellness for Agri-Food Workers Task Force
- Public Safety Information Day
- Positive Messaging Campaign





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#### WE LIP @WindsorEssexLIP

DYK? Up to 80% of Temporary Foreign Workers return to the same farms and greenhouses year after year? Some have been returning for decades!

#### #ThankYou #Growingourcommunities



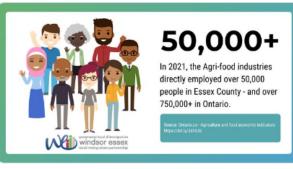
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Did you know? The Agri-food industries employ over 50,000 of our family, friends, and neighbours in Essex County.

Learn more about the industry and the workers that help it thrive here: workforcewindsoressex.com/migrant-and-te...

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"Thanks to Temporary Foreign Workers & their dedication to food production, we are able to secure an abundance of fresh produce for the Windsor Essex Food Bank Association right in our own backyard."

~June Muir, @UHC\_

#GrowingOurFood #GrowingOurCommunity



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### We Speak – Language Access

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#### Windsor-Essex

- Canadian Mental Health Association Windsor-Essex County
- Community Support Centre of Essex County
- Erie Shores HealthCare
- Essex-Windsor Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Harrow Health Centre Family Health Team
- Home and Community Care Support Services Erie St. Clair
- Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare
- Lakeshore Community Nurse Practitioner-Led
   Clinic
- Leamington and Area Family Health Team
- South Essex Community Council
- UHC Hub of Opportunities
- VON Immigrant Health Clinic
- Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board
- Windsor-Essex Children's Aid Society
- Windsor-Essex County Health Unit
- Windsor-Essex Community Health Centre
- Windsor-Essex Hospice
- Windsor Family Health Team

- Windsor Regional Hospital
- Workforce WindsorEssex
- YMCA of Southwestern Ontario

#### **Chatham-Kent**

- Chatham-Kent Community Health Centres
- Chatham-Kent Hospice
- Chatham-Kent Ontario Health Team
- Chatham-Kent Public Health
- Thamesview Family Health Team
- Chatham-Kent Health Alliance

#### Sarnia-Lambton

- North Lambton Community Health Centre
  London-Middlesex
- Ronald McDonald House London
- Elgin-Oxford
- Southwestern Public Health

#### **Huron-Perth**

- Huron Perth Public Health
- Niagara Region
- Niagara Ontario Health Team

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#### **TeaMWork Project**

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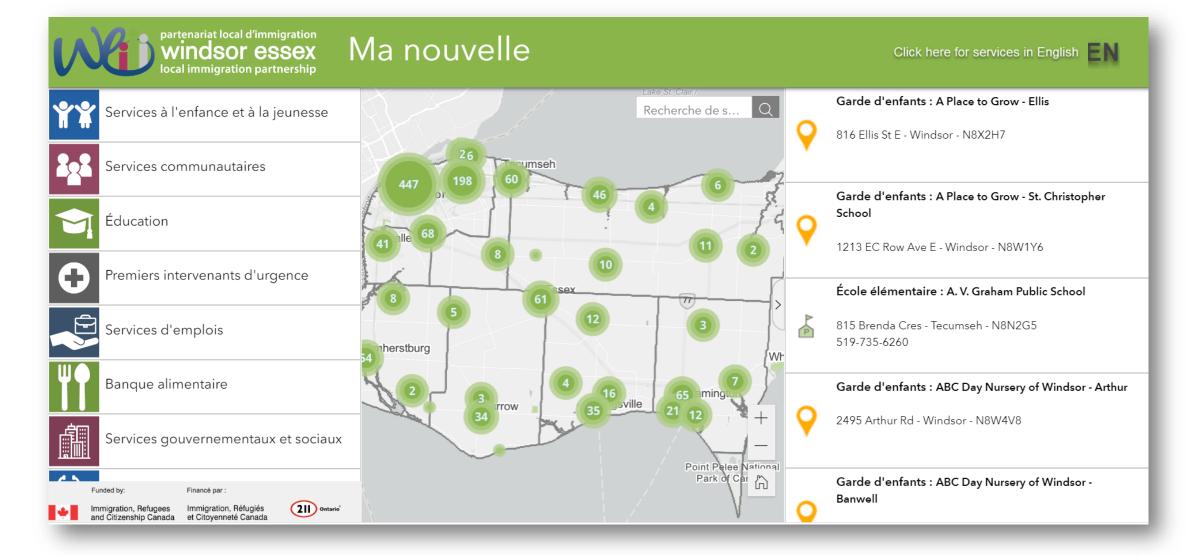
Together Empowering Access for Migrant Worker Outreach, Resources and Knowledge

#### TeaMWorkProject.ca



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### MyNewCommunity/ MaNouvelleCommunauté

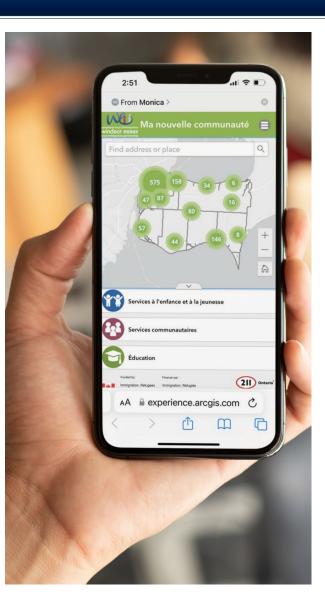




# **MyNewCommunity**

Support member-led implementation of Action Plans leveraging community connections and technology:

www.workforcewindsoressex.com/ mynewcommunitymap/



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