



# Partnerships for Newcomer Health



## ESC LHIN forms Health Equity for Newcomer/Immigrants Committee

In a formalized partnership with the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership, the Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network has established a committee that focuses on Health Equity for Newcomer/Immigrants. This group is being set up with the aim of:

- Promoting health equity for newcomers and immigrants in Windsor/Essex;
- Enhancing collaboration, resource sharing and cultural diversity education between health and community agencies supporting newcomers and immigrants;
- Increasing newcomer awareness and understanding of the healthcare system with a focus on those within their first two years in Canada;
- Increasing understanding of the factors that promote the deterioration of newcomers' health across immigration classes, age, sex and ethnicity to prioritize higher risk populations.

The Erie St. Clair LHIN will also be looking at the current strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improving service delivery and formalizing provider partnerships across our region. A key element of success for this project will be the advancement of a Newcomer/Immigrant Care Path that supports improvements, both at a clinical and service levels.

Invitations were sent to members of the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership, the Go for Health Cultural Diversity Committee, community agencies and institutions and Health Service Providers, to build an innovative partnership aimed at improving the lives of Newcomer/Immigrants living in the Erie St. Clair region. The first meeting was held on **June 15, 2015** at Hospice Windsor.

## Recognition of the work

On June the 10, 2015 TransForm Shared Services Organization (through the ESC LHIN) hosted an *Innovation Forum*, to celebrate innovation in the Erie St Clair region, and launch the alumni component of the *Executive Program in Health System Innovation*. Part of the day included an interactive poster session for program alumni to display their innovative projects to an engaged audience, including fellow alumni, the leadership advisory council, health system leaders, media and government officials. The purpose of this was two-fold:

- To connect the two cohorts of fellows, and initiate discussions about the scale up and potential of these initiatives;
- Raise the profile of the work though a media launch, where the posters were showcased to demonstrate the scale-up of the innovation ecosystem in the region. The Partnerships for Newcomer Health work was be presented at the event to demonstrate the innovation between WE LIP, the ESC LHIN and healthcare.



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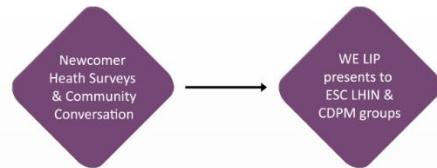
The Erie St. Clair Local Health Integration Network (ESC LHIN) is one of 14 Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) in Ontario. The LHINs were established by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in 2006 to manage the planning, integration, performance, and funding of the health care system.

The provincial LHIN vision is to have a health care system that helps people stay healthy, delivers good care to them when they get sick, and will be there for their children and grandchildren.

The Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership (WE LIP) is a community planning body, led by the City of Windsor and funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. The WE LIP is a dynamic coalition of 80+ private, public, and non-profit organizations working together to create a welcoming environment where newcomers can reach their full potential. The WE LIP acts as a catalyst for community planning, enhanced communication and collaboration across all sectors including healthcare, settlement, housing and employment.

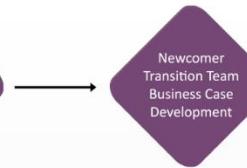
## Background:

WINTER 2012/2013 SPRING/SUMMER 2013



Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership council members & Community stakeholders and institutions

FALL 2013 - WINTER 2014



Newcomer/Immigration Patients and Families

SPRING 2015



## Outcome:

### Program Fellows

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