

Public Safety Information Day at the Festival of Guest Nations

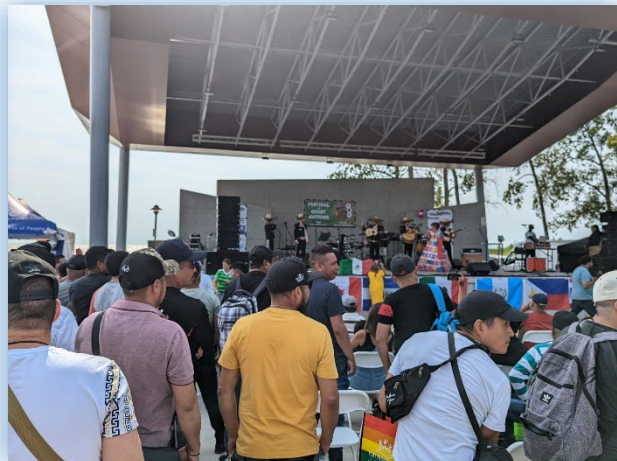
On Sunday, September 18th, 2022, the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership (WE LIP) collaborated with the Migrant Worker Community Program (MWCP) to host a Public Safety Information Day at the Festival of Guest Nations.

The Festival celebrates the diversity of migrant workers in the community, the sacrifices they make in coming to Essex County, and their contributions to the community and the local economy. It is also an opportunity to facilitate engagement and community building between workers and the communities at large. This year's Festival attracted over 1000 participants from the community who came out to enjoy music, food, entertainment, and meet with service providers and each other.



This year, in celebration of the outstanding community collaborations that have happened in Essex County in recent years, **the Festival included Public Safety Information Day** coordinated with the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership (WE LIP) and the Windsor-Essex Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (RCSWB).

Public Safety Information Day is an opportunity for newcomers, migrant workers, and the broader community to connect with service providers and public servants who work to keep Essex County safe and healthy. These providers included O.P.P. , the Leamington Fire Departments, Essex-Windsor EMS, among other healthcare, mental health, and public safety organizations. These connections provide newcomers and workers a chance to get-to-know their neighbourhood providers, learn about the systems in place to keep them safe and healthy, and where to go if they are in need. As well, it supports



the development of trust and familiarity in the community, leading to improved outcomes and sense of well-being. This year 30+ organizations participated in the day.

Moreover, as part of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, the Municipality of Leamington partnered with O.P.P and community partners on a downtown 'Safety and Crime Prevention Walk'. Residents were invited to meet at Dieppe Park at 10:30 AM to participate in the community walk. While exploring their neighbourhood, residents learned how to prevent opportunities for crime, change the way they see and walk through their neighbourhood, and learn personal safety tips. Individuals had the opportunity to participate in the discussion and ask questions along the way.

The combined Festival of Guest Nations and Public Safety Information Day celebrated our guest workers with food, live entertainment, special guests, raffles, prizes and giveaways!

Thank you to all who came out in support of this fantastic event!



Participating Organizations

Black Physician's Association of Ontario (BPAO)
 Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)
 Consulate of Mexico in Leamington
 County Wide Active Transportation Systems (CWATS)
 Erie Shores HealthCare (Mobile Medical Supports)
 Essex County Library
 Essex Emergency Management
 Family Services Windsor-Essex
 Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare (HDGH)-Withdrawal Management Services
 Kairos
 Latinos Positivos Toronto
 Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW)
 Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers (OGVG)
 Leamington Centre for Migrant Workers Ministry
 Leamington Fire Department
 Legal Assistance Windsor
 Migrant Worker Ministry
 Migrant Worker Community Program
 New Canadians' Centre of Excellence Inc.
 Ontario Health
 Ontario Provincial Police
 People's Corporation
 PRESMA
 Rapha Youth Outreach Services
 Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan
 South Essex Community Council (SECC)
 Sponsorship Table/Sponsorship Table
 weCHC (SAPPACY)
 Windsor Essex County Health Unit (Nutrition)
 Windsor Essex County Health Unit (Healthy Families)
 Windsor Essex County Health Unit (Naloxone Program)