

# WE Value Partnership

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## NEWS RELEASE

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## WE VALUE PARTNERSHIP LAUNCHES NEWCOMER SETTLEMENT ASSESSMENT

**Windsor-Essex, ON** – The WE Value Partnership unveiled its new capacity-focused settlement assessment to community partners. This unique initiative, funded by Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada, is working to connect newcomers to programs, services and opportunities by capturing and leveraging their experiences, capacities and needs.

Twenty-three settlement and mainstream organizations across Windsor-Essex supported the development of the capacity-focused assessment and over thirty organizations have shared their program and service information to support referrals for newcomer clients.

The project will seek to assess and refer 1,000 clients to key programs and services by March 2021 and will be using the data collected to support strategic planning and programming for organizations that seek to serve or improve service to newcomer clients.

### QUOTES

“After 15 months of development and co-innovation, we’re excited to shift into the implementation phase on this exciting pilot project. From building a new assessment and technology platform, to evolving our referral network, we have received the support of settlement and mainstream organizations, all looking to improve outcomes for newcomers looking to call Windsor-Essex home. By shifting to a capacity-focused approach we hope to foster a narrative of empowerment and strength for the client while promoting even greater opportunities for them to achieve their full potential.”

- Hugo Vega, Manager of Settlement and Integration Services, YMCA of Southwestern Ontario

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## **QUICK FACTS**

- The WE Value Partnership is funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
- The WE Value Partnership is led by the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario and Workforce WindsorEssex, the University of Windsor and TechShare are partners
- The WE Value Partnership has brought together over 50 organizations to support the development of a capacity-focused assessment and referral to local programs and services
- The WE Value Partnership has developed the capacity-focused Settlement Assessment and K2 Pathways to Settlement System
- The WE Value Partnership seeks to serve 1,000 clients by March 2021

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## **ABOUT THE WE VALUE PARTNERSHIP**

For more information related to the WE Value Partnership, visit [www.wevalue.ca](http://www.wevalue.ca)

## **ABOUT IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA'S (IRCC) SERVICE DELIVERY IMPROVEMENT (SDI) FUND**

IRCC works with many partners in the delivery of services to newcomers to Canada, and supports their integration into Canadian communities. IRCC is actively working to improve these settlement services through the Service Delivery Improvements (SDI) funding stream. Projects funded under SDI will improve our understanding of newcomer needs and current service delivery methods, as well as develop innovative approaches to better meet the needs of newcomer clients and better support the integration process.

There are 7 funding streams under SDI: language acquisition; employment; youth supports; harnessing volunteers and supporting capacity building in the settlement sector; pay for performance; newcomer well-being and programming to support vulnerable clients; and research and analysis to drive innovation and understand the user experience.