

2021 IRCC COMMUNITY PLANNING DAY

The Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership (WE LIP) and Chatham-Kent Local Immigration Partnership (CK LIP) collaborated with Windsor IRCC Settlement Network to organize a newcomer services Community Planning Day on Thursday, June 17 starting at 9:00 AM.

This virtual Zoom-based consultation brought together 80 representatives from IRCC-funded organizations to focus on settlement in our communities; to identify gaps, challenges and opportunities to build capacity and leverage technology. The goal of the morning was to identify priorities, gaps and trends with regard to services for IRCC-eligible newcomers and explore the needs of newcomers within the new pathways as identified by IRCC. The information derived from this session will be used to facilitate programming during this current 2021-2022 and future fiscal years.

Within each of the seven breakout rooms, discussion was focused on COVID lessons learned, hybrid (online and in-person) service delivery, and new client types. Top concerns and solutions were prioritized. Participants were asked to use their specific service delivery 'lens' to consider topics such as:

- COVID Recovery/ Lessons learned;
- Post COVID service delivery models/ Changing the traditional model of service delivery;
- Best strategies to deliver language training to literacy clients in a virtual world;
- Potential impact of changes to Employment Ontario on IRCC LMA programming;
- Anti-racism strategies;
- Supporting increased GAR arrival clients;
- Francophone Integration Strategy and Immigration Pathways;
- Childminding for Newcomer Children;
- Special needs within rural communities; and
- Service delivery requirements for new clients as identified through IRCC's Permanent Resident Pathways.



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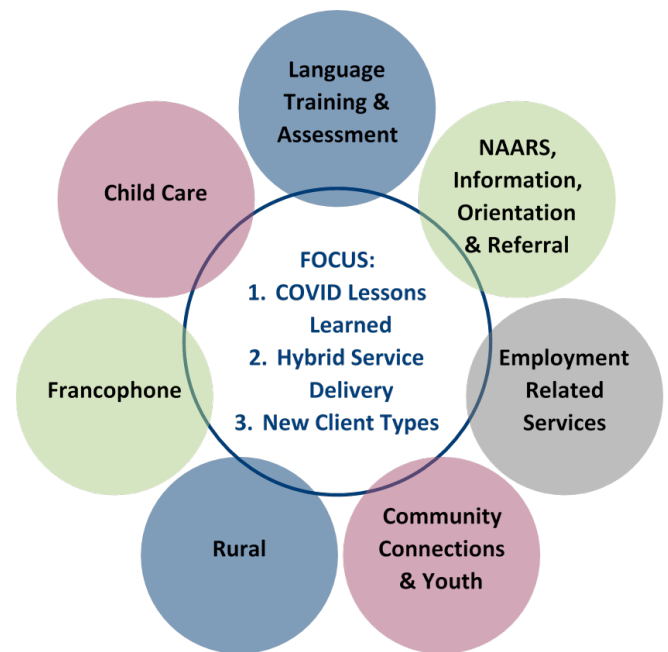
Happy to be cohosting with @CK_LIP the 2021 IRCC Community Planning Day! Over 70+ participants from IRCC funded organizations coming together to share what we've learned from the last year and find solutions together.

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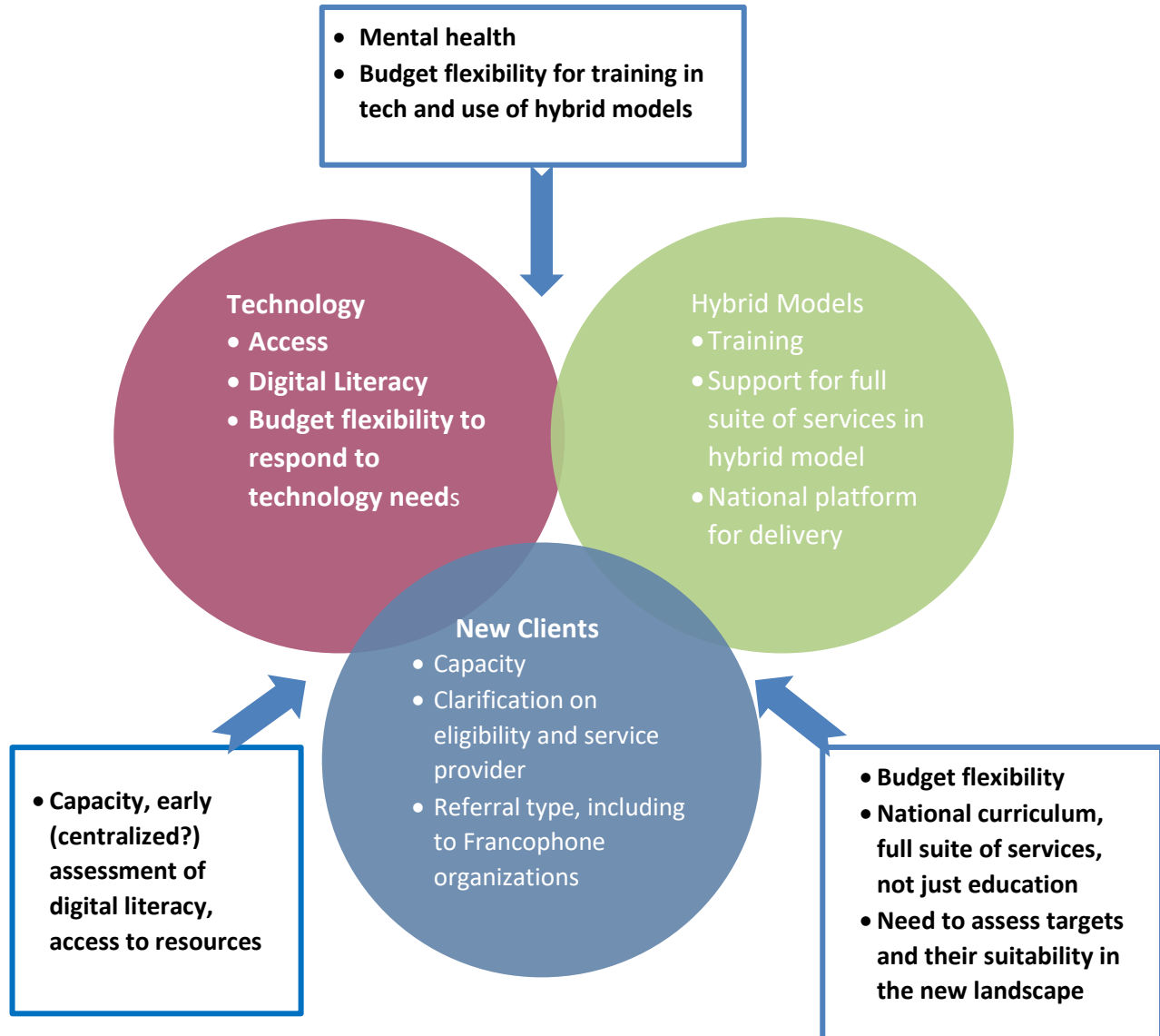
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The post-survey allowed for additional input, particularly from organizations with a more unique focus (e.g., Francophone or rural providers).

Broadly speaking, the most common concerns centered around technology, with hybrid services, new client types, and mental health also figuring prominently in discussion.



As an outcome, IRCC was provided with a “state of sector” report as well as recommendations on how best to work with the sector during this very challenging time and in the recovery period.