

On Sunday September 17th, 2023, the Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership (WE LIP) collaborated with the TeaMWork Project, the Migrant Worker Community Program (MWCP) and the Windsor-Essex Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (WERC SWB) in hosting the Public Safety Day & Festival of Guest Nations at Seacliff Park in Leamington.



Public Safety 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. This year, Public Safety Day was included in the Festival of Guest Nations which celebrates and supports the diversity of migrant workers in the community, the sacrifices they make in leaving their families and coming to Essex County and their many contributions to the community and local economy.



This year's successful event had over 1500 participants who enjoyed live music, food, entertainment, and participated in a raffle for bicycles. Participants were also eligible to get blood pressure and diabetes testing thanks to the Windsor Essex Community Health Centre (weCHC). The annual event serves as an opportunity to facilitate community building and engagement between the workers, service providing organizations and the larger community.



This year, some highlights from the event included:

- The signing of the “Health Window” agreement between MWCP and the Consulate of Mexico, the first of its kind. The objective of this agreement is to improve the physical and mental well-being of Mexicans residing in the region through a number of measures
- The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) conducted 250 surveys to gather input on the mental health needs of workers
- Windsor Essex Community Health Centre (WeCHC) distributed 6000 condoms, 4000 masks, 300 Blood Pressure checks, 20 glucose tests that required follow-up and 200 Naloxon kits

This successful event was thanks to the many participants and the over 30 organizations present. Thank you all to who came out in support of this incredible event!

Participating Organizations

Active Care Response Team
Asian Community AIDS Services
Canadian Mental Health Association
Consulate of Mexico in Leamington
Crime Stoppers
Embassy of Honduras
Embassy of Thailand
Essex County Library
Essex Windsor EMS
Family Services Windsor Essex
Filipino Community Centre
Latinos Positivos
Legal Aid Windsor
Migrant Worker Community Program
New Canadians’ Centre of Excellence Inc.
Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers
Ontario Health West
Ontario Provincial Police
People Corporation
Positive Pathways
PRESMA Project
Rapha Christian Centre
RCSWB Windsor Essex
South Essex Community Centre
TeaMWork Project
We Speak
Windsor-Essex County Health Unit
Windsor Essex Community Health Centre
Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership
Windsor Essex Ontario Health Team
Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Women