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A Webinar Series for Service Providers and Refugee Sponsors

As part of the [Refugee Settlement Support Project](#), OCASI is hosting a webinar series for service providers and refugee sponsorship groups to bridge some of the information gaps they identified through previous focus group and roundtable discussions. The webinars are designed to clarify roles and responsibilities, increase transparency about practices and support the collaboration between service providers and refugee sponsors. Please register for the specific webinar you wish to attend by clicking on the registration link provided below. [Click here](#) for a list of previous webinar recordings and presentation slides.

The Settlement Sector: Values & Principles

Mon., November 20, 2017, 2 pm - 3 pm EST

Speakers: Lisa Randall, CultureLink & Shankari Balendra, Access Alliance MCHC

Whether you're a new or seasoned member of a refugee sponsorship group or service provider organization, join this webinar to find out more about the settlement sector as a whole; its roots, guiding values, principles and overall objectives.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5028627810929219587>

What Are Settlement Services About?

Mon., November 27, 2017, 2 pm - 3 pm EST

Speaker: Amanda Choo, WoodGreen Community Services

What are "settlement services" and what do settlement agencies do? Join this webinar to learn more about the corner stones of settlement work and the role of settlement service providers.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3413447428749717251>

Settlement Service Eligibility & Intake

Mon. December 11, 2017, 2 pm - 3 pm EST

Speakers: Lisa Magliocco, Wesley Urban Ministries & Sylvia Wootten, Newcomer Centre of Peel

This webinar focuses on clarifying privately sponsored refugees' eligibility for various settlement services and programs, including the Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP), and how to identify and find various services. Lisa and Sylvia will also be sharing what the intake procedures at their respective agencies looks like.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7812993673715734274>

The Settlement Plan: Sponsor & Service Provider Perspectives

Mon., December 18, 2017, 2 pm - 3 pm EST

Speakers: Suneet Kharay, Refugee Sponsorship Training Program & Ayesha Firdouz, Catholic Crosscultural Services

Did you know that both refugee sponsorship groups and settlement service providers develop settlement plans? Join this webinar to learn more about the types of settlement plans such as the Settlement Form that sponsors and service providers work with; how they are developed, what they look like, in what ways they differ from one another and how they are applied.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5710401985966286082>

The Private Sponsorship Of Refugees Program: Then & Now

Mon., January 15, 2018, 2 pm - 3 pm EST

Speakers: Don Smith, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa & Brian Dyck, Mennonite Central Committee
The Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program dates back to the late 70s in Canada. What are its roots and guiding principles? How has it evolved over time and where are we now? Join this webinar to find out where refugee sponsors are coming from and where they're going.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7466462793012986626>

Refugee Sponsorship Cases: How Are Refugees Selected By Sponsors?

Mon., January 29, 2018, 2 pm – 3:30 pm EST

Speakers: Melodie Mui, United Church of Canada, Rebecca Walker, World Renew & Aleks Dughman-Manzur, Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto

Unlike individuals resettled through the Government-Assisted Refugee (GAR) Program, privately sponsored refugees are not selected or destined by the government to a particular community in Canada. In this webinar, Melodie, Rebecca and Aleks share the case selection processes at their respective Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) organizations. Join this webinar to learn more about how a group might handle a request for sponsorship and ultimately makes a decision on whom to sponsor.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5888694393480052482>

Collaborating across sectors: Sharing Promising Practices I

Mon., February 12, 2018, 2 pm - 3:30 pm EST

Speakers: Paul Carline/Jacqueline Darrah, Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada & Kelly Carline, YMCA of Saint John, NB (TBC)

In this webinar, Sponsorship Agreement Holders and service providers share their approaches to building partnerships and collaborating with one another to better meet the needs of privately sponsored refugees. We will explore innovative ways to bridge the gap, lessons learned and tips for colleagues.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/795961042784522498>

Collaborating For The Benefit Of Refugees: Sharing Promising Practices II

Mon., March 19, 2018, 2 pm – 3:00 pm EST

Speakers: Don Smith, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa & Louisa Taylor, Refugee613

Continuing the conversation on sharing promising practices on building partnerships and collaborating across sectors to better support privately sponsored refugees, we will be joined by members of Refugee613 for this webinar. Refugee613 is a coalition of citizens, settlement agencies, sponsorship groups and community partners in Ottawa that came together to inform, connect and inspire each other as various stakeholders. The majority of Ottawa's service providers and refugee sponsorship groups are members of this group. Join this webinar to learn more about how this coalition came to be, how it works across sectors and what its achievements and lessons-learned have been to date.

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2481937879165286914>

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