We All Can Play

EDMONTON FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY LEAGUES

EDMONTON IMMIGRANT SERVICES ASSOCIATION

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Who comes to Canada?

- **Total Immigration in Canada 2006**
  - 251,643

- **In Alberta**:
  - 2007: 26,509
    
    (2008 Annual Alberta Labor Market Review)
  - 2008: 37,173
    
    Alberta Economic Spotlight Sep 2009

- **Aboriginals**
  - 5.4%

- **Europe**
  - 78.9%

- **Africa**
  - 2.5%

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  - 1.4%

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How Government Understands Immigrants?

- **Economic Immigrants**: Skill and unskilled
- **Family Class**: Sponsored by families
- **Refugees**: Government / Church sponsored immigrants &
- **Refugee claimants**

- Foreign-born population grew by 14.9% - higher than national rate of 13.6%
285 Government Sponsored Refugees arrived in Edmonton.
  - Adults: 185
  - Children: 100

116 Secondary Migrants
  - Adults: 84
  - Children: 32

Government Sponsor Refugees account for 9 – 11% of the total of Immigrants in Edmonton in the last 5 years.

+/-150 Children / one year
Home budget in an immigrant household

- **Economic immigrants:**
  - come with savings and some language skills.

- **Family Class:**
  - Family takes the responsibility for 3 years

- **Refugee:**
  - Either Gov or Church help them for the first year. Many of them have to start for studying English.
A Profile of Immigrants: highlights

Language:
- 38.6% spoke neither English nor French

Education:
- 24.5% finished a bachelor’s degree;
- 12.3% had post-graduate degree;
- 32.9% had secondary education

Health Issues:
- Mental health: depression and post-traumatic stress
- Access and informed consent
- ‘healthy Immigrant’ phenomenon

Finances:
- E.g., a Government Sponsored Family (2 parents/3 children) receive $1,240 per month.

In general:
- Immigrants have lower incomes than Canadian-born Canadians.
- Newcomers and immigrant women have even lower incomes.
The Birth Lottery
In 1989, world leaders decided that children needed a special convention just for them because people under 18 years old often need special care and protection that adults do not
Article 31

States must recognize “… the right of the child to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child”

UN declaration of children’s rights
What determines the Health and Well Being of our Communities?

Social Determinants (WHO)

- Social Gradient
- Stress
- Early life
- Social exclusion
- Work
- Unemployment
- Social Support
- Addiction
- Food
- Transport
Edmonton is committed to Healthy and Safe Communities

City of Edmonton Healthy citizen initiative
Soccer Registration

That time of year again.

- $deposits
- $uniforms
- $bingos
- $fun for kids
Why can’t all kids play soccer, hockey...?
BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD.

Gandhi
so I phoned.......  
..after 7 dead-end calls...I quit  

Then I e-mailed......  
..conclusion...Adults make life very complicated for children.
Life’s most persistent and urgent question is:

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?

Martin Luther King Jr.
FOUND:

1 Champion
to save the day
Making the CONNECTION
GUIDING PRINCIPLE

- Work yourself out of the job.
- Teach the family WHAT they need
  - registration
  - water bottle
- Show them HOW to get there
- Get to know WHO they are
We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobile rather than by the quality of our service and the relationship to mankind.

Martin Luther King Jr.
Who is helping children get on the “soccer field”? 
What is your Role??

EISA + EFCL + Volunteers + ?

= COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

(real people – real solutions)

- Government sponsored children involved in community activities, will develop socialization skills, learn healthy habits, become skilled players within Edmonton’s community programs, thereby promoting integration, a sense of belonging, and enriched communities.
- Community activities benefit the whole family
- Community involvement benefits ALL by developing socialization skills, healthy lifestyle habits, and promoting connections.
- Edmonton communities will be enhanced by the integration of new Canadians.