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Helping Newcomers in Etobicoke-Lakeshore Settle and Succeed
Ontario Government Investing in Settlement Services, Strengthening Communities

Etobicoke - Ontario is increasing support for community agencies in Etobicoke-Lakeshore to help newcomers get the services they need to settle and find jobs.

Through the government's Newcomer Settlement Program, our local agencies *JobStart* and *Polycultural Immigrant and Community Services* will help newcomers connect with important language, job training and community services.

Enhancing newcomer settlement services is part of the province's [Immigration Strategy](#) and supports the Ontario government's efforts to build a strong economy and a fair society.

"I am so pleased that two agencies in my riding who have long invested in helping immigrants in south Etobicoke to succeed will benefit from this funding, allowing them to continue to offer vital programming that will help newcomers to flourish."

- Laurel Broten, MPP, Etobicoke-Lakeshore.

"JobStart is committed to supporting newcomers to help them build a successful future in Ontario. The funding awarded to JobStart by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration will enable JobStart to provide Newcomer Settlement Services in south Etobicoke. The program will have a significant positive impact on the lives of newcomers facilitating access to language, training, health care, housing, education, employment and other community services, and providing them the tools and resources needed to build a strong Ontario."

- Heather Sant, Executive Director, JobStart

"Polycultural Immigrant and Community Services (PICS) is pleased to be recognized for over 23 years of community based newcomer programs and services. In this time of fiscal restraint it is heartening to receive vital funds that will assist in sustaining our programming to increasingly diverse newcomer communities."

- Pamela Grant, interim Executive Director, Polycultural Immigrant and Community Services

QUICK FACTS

- Since 2003, the Ontario government has increased funding to settlement programs by almost 80 per cent.
- Settlement services in Ontario help more than 80,000 newcomers each year.
- More newcomers immigrate to Ontario than any other province – nearly 40 per cent of Canada's immigrants land in Ontario.

LEARN MORE

- Learn more about [Ontario's Newcomer Settlement Program](#).
- Find out more about [immigration in Ontario](#).

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