

Rural Immigration Initiative

Our Rural Immigration Initiative aims to take a holistic approach to support the settlement and integration of newcomers in rural communities.

RESPONDING TO THE EMERGING NEEDS OF RURAL COMMUNITIES TO BETTER WELCOME, ATTRACT, RETAIN, AND MOTIVATE NEWCOMERS TO SETTLE AND THRIVE IN SMALL TOWNS.

OUR SERVICES

The Immigration team specializes in helping rural communities, municipalities, and organizations better understand and support the needs of newcomers.



CAPACITY BUILDING



WORKSHOPS & TRAINING



INTEGRATING & RETAINING NEWCOMERS



CREATING WELCOMING COMMUNITIES



NEEDS ASSESSMENTS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Contact us to explore how we can help your community!

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BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH RURAL IMMIGRATION

- **Community-Focused Approach:** We support both newcomers and the broader community in preparing for successful integration.
- **Rural-Specific Tools & Training:** Customized resources for municipalities, employers, and service providers—not one-size-fits-all solutions.
- **Long-Term Integration:** We help communities move beyond initial settlement toward long-term belonging and retention.
- **Sustainable Solutions:** Community-informed strategies that are practical, inclusive, and built to last.
- **Welcoming Communities:** Our approach helps create spaces where newcomers—and their families—can thrive personally and professionally in small towns.

Resources

- [Rural Immigration & Health](#)
- [Growing Culturally Inclusive Communities Report](#)
- [Guidebook for Housing Providers Supporting Ukrainian Evacuees in Alberta](#)
- [Handbook for Ukrainian Newcomers in Alberta](#)
- [Rural Employers' Awareness on Diversity and Inclusion \(READI\) Toolkit](#)
- [Strengthening Community Capacity to Support Newcomers Toolkit](#)

Download on our website:

<https://ruraldevelopment.ca/resources>



RDN is a nonprofit organization that supports rural, remote, and Indigenous communities.