



Settlement Issues for Newcomer Women

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Barriers and Responses



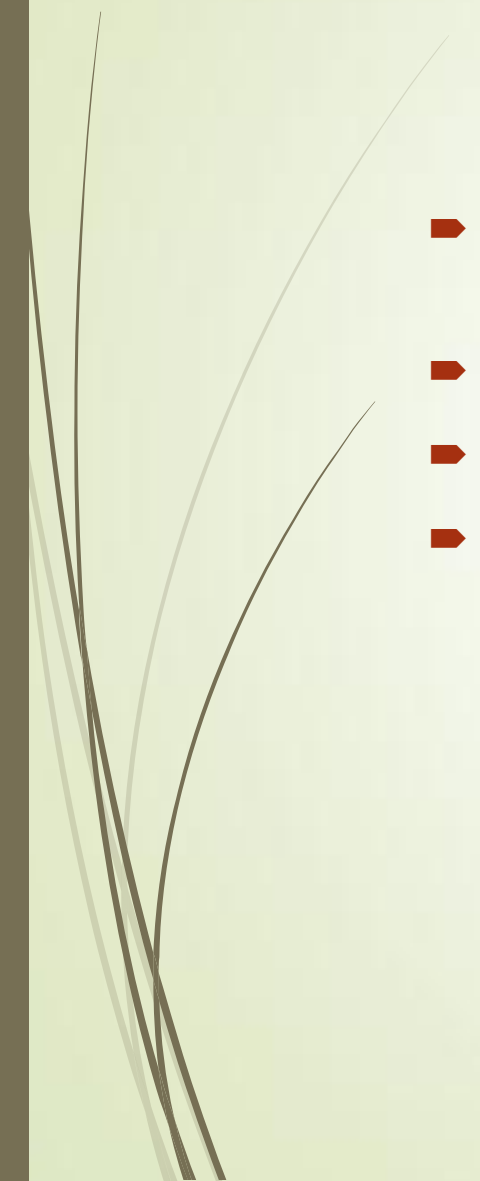


Barriers for Newcomer Women for participating in language programs

- Long wait list for women to enter the LINC program
- Children are too young to be in childcare
- Primary caregiver roles and responsibilities
- Attendance requirements
- Mixed gender classrooms (health related discussions)
- Elderly women and isolation
- Trauma and the impact on learning



Responding

- Community-based EAL (Neighbourhood houses, settlement organizations)
 - Targeted programs for women
 - Flexible programs
 - More childcare
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An example: PIRS EAL Program for refugee women





Thank you

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