

# MIGRATION MATTERS

## FRANCOPHONE INTEGRATION PATHWAY INFO SHEET

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### ABOUT

The Francophone integration pathway consists of a suite of settlement services in French, offered in a coordinated and integrated manner by Francophone organizations, and aimed at facilitating reception, support, economic and socio-cultural integration, as well as the creation of lasting ties between newcomers and Francophone communities.

The Francophone integration pathway is part of Government of Canada's [Action Plan for Official Languages 2023-2028](#) highlighting Government's commitment to the protection and promotion of our two official languages, the preservation of French, and the vitality of official language minority communities.

This Migration Matters info sheet provides high level information on the importance of making referrals to Francophone organizations as well as a list of Francophone organizations in B.C. and the type of services provided. In addition to reviewing this info sheet we encourage you to watch the recording of the [Webinar: Increasing Connections with the Francophone Sector in B.C.: A Path Towards Strengthening Francophone Referrals](#) held on February 22, 2024, to learn more on this topic.

### WHY MAKE A REFERRAL TO A FRANCOPHONE ORGANIZATION?

IRCC's Francophone Integration Pathway aims to ensure the successful integration of Francophone newcomers with collaboration and partnerships among Francophone and non-Francophone organizations across the province. This referral process aims to:

- Support IRCC's objectives of informing all newcomers of the existence of Francophone minority communities and the possibility of settling in French in Canada;
- Meet and fulfill responsibilities under IRCC's contribution agreements, which require SPOs to confirm with all clients their official language of preference, inform them about the availability of French settlement services and the possibility of settling in French, refer their Francophone clients to French services and develop and maintain partnerships with Francophone service providers offering settlement services;
- Foster strong ties between Francophone and non-Francophone service providers. Non-Francophone recipients must factor in the expertise of Francophone communities in the design of a project, program or partnership involving services in French.

# SETTLEMENT & INTEGRATION

## – SERVICES IN FRENCH

*With many Francophone Services available to Francophones living in the province, French-speaking immigrants and refugees can study, work, and access social services in French.*

ORGANIZATION	AREA SERVED	DESCRIPTION	SERVICES
<p><b><u>LE CERCLE DES CANADIENS FRANÇAIS DE PRINCE-GEORGE (THE FRENCH- CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PRINCE-GEORGE)</u></b></p> <p><b>Aboubacar Cissé</b>  <i>Liaison and Projects Agent – Welcoming Francophone Communities (WFC) Initiative</i>  <a href="mailto:ag.projet.cfapg@gmail.com">ag.projet.cfapg@gmail.com</a>            250.617.8689</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRINCE GEORGE</li> </ul>	<p>Le Cercle des Canadiens Français de Prince-George provides settlement services, information, orientation, integration, employment services for francophone immigrants through IRCC’s Welcoming Francophone Communities (WFC) initiative.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Settlement services</li> <li>• Community connections</li> <li>• Employment preparation</li> <li>• French courses</li> <li>• Bilingual summer camps</li> <li>• Bilingual preschool</li> <li>• Support services (Translation, French library...)</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>COLLÈGE ÉDUCACENTRE</u></b></p> <p><b>Jamal Nawri</b>  <i>Coordinator of National project for the development of knowledge and capacities in settlement &amp; French Settlement Program</i>  <a href="mailto:jnawri@educacentre.com">jnawri@educacentre.com</a>            778.565.6690 ext 105</p> <p><b>Christophe Carillon</b>  <i>Coordinator for the LINC program and TEF examinations</i>  <a href="mailto:ccarillon@educacentre.com">ccarillon@educacentre.com</a>            604.708.5100 ext 1502</p> <p><b>Rajeeta Samala</b>  <i>CLIC &amp; LINC To Work Program Coordinator</i>  <a href="mailto:rsamala@educacentre.com">rsamala@educacentre.com</a>            604.708.5100 ext 1204</p> <p><b>Sophie Desvaux de Marigny</b>  <i>Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Services</i>  <a href="mailto:sdesvauxdemarigny@educacentre.com">sdesvauxdemarigny@educacentre.com</a>            778.565.6690 ext 103</p>	<p>SETTLEMENT SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SURREY</li> <li>• VANCOUVER</li> <li>• LOWER MAINLAND</li> <li>• REST OF THE PROVINCE VIA REMOTE SERVICES</li> </ul> <p>LINC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SURREY</li> <li>• VANCOUVER</li> <li>• ONLINE</li> </ul> <p>LINC TO WORK AND CLIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VANCOUVER</li> </ul> <p>TEF EXAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VANCOUVER</li> </ul>	<p>Collège Éducacentre is the only francophone college in British Columbia. They provide services for permanent residents and refugees.</p>	<p>Collège Éducacentre is the only francophone college in British Columbia. They provide services for permanent residents and refugees.</p>

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<p><b><u>CONSEIL SCOLAIRE FRANCOPHONE SCHOOL DISTRICT 93</u></b></p> <p><b>Patricia Garvey</b> SWIS Program Coordinator <a href="mailto:patricia_garvey@csf.bc.ca">patricia_garvey@csf.bc.ca</a> 778.928.4181</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VANCOUVER</li> <li>• KELOWNA</li> <li>• OKANAGAN VALLEY</li> <li>• VICTORIA</li> <li>• REST OF THE PROVINCE VIA REMOTE SERVICES</li> </ul>	<p>Francophone School Board (Conseil scolaire francophone) provides settlement and integration programs, information and orientation services for students and their families within the school and the community (TÉFIÉ Services/ SWIS program).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Settlement Services</li> <li>• Needs assessments and referrals</li> <li>• Information and guidance</li> <li>• Community Connections</li> <li>• Youth employment support service</li> <li>• Support services</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>LA COOPÉRATIVE D'IMMIGRATION LE RELAIS FRANCOPHONE</u></b></p> <p><b>Bonfils Mada</b> Settlement Services Coordinator <a href="mailto:bmada@lerelaiscb.ca">bmada@lerelaiscb.ca</a> 604.345.9857</p> <p><b>Jean Bruno Nkondi</b> Employment Services Coordinator 778.554.4081</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VANCOUVER</li> <li>• NEW WESTMINSTER/ BURNABY</li> <li>• VICTORIA</li> <li>• FRASER VALLEY AND TRI-CITIES: ABBOTSFORD, COQUITLAM- MAILLARDVILLE</li> <li>• LANGLEY</li> <li>• REST OF THE PROVINCE VIA REMOTE SERVICES</li> </ul>	<p>Le Relais Francophone provides settlement services, information, orientation, integration, and employment services to holders of a Canadian immigration status and to naturalized citizens of Canada.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Settlement Services</li> <li>• Needs assessments and referrals</li> <li>• Information and guidance</li> <li>• Employment services</li> <li>• Community Connections</li> <li>• Support services</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>SOCIÉTÉ DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE DE LA COLOMBIE- BRITANNIQUE (SDECB)</u></b></p> <p><b>VANCOUVER</b> <b>Jessica Rogers</b> Director of Economic Immigration Program <a href="mailto:jrogers@sdecb.com">jrogers@sdecb.com</a> 236.777.0418</p> <p><b>Tien Thuy Le</b> Liaison Agent, Immigration &amp; Employability 604.732.3534</p> <p><b>KELOWNA</b> 1.250.860.1584 1.250.808.4554</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VANCOUVER</li> <li>• KELOWNA</li> <li>• REST OF THE PROVINCE VIA REMOTE SERVICES</li> </ul>	<p>The SDECB provides employment services, information, and orientation to Francophone immigrants. They make employers aware of the opportunities to recruit skilled and bilingual newcomers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structured Mentoring and Canadian Work Experience Program</li> <li>• Employment programs</li> <li>• Francophone mobility program</li> <li>• ASCEND (Applied Skills Curriculum to Empower Newcomer Development) program</li> </ul>

In addition, within the Francophone Community in British Columbia, many organizations not funded by IRCC offer services in French.

You can download the complete directory of Francophone services by clicking on the following link: [Services Available for Newcomers in British Columbia](#)



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## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON FRANCOPHONE SERVICES

Any questions about available Francophone Services in British Columbia? Please send an email to [contactrifcb@ffcb.ca](mailto:contactrifcb@ffcb.ca)