Manitoba’s Immigration Policies and Programs

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A Shared Responsibility

- Canada/Manitoba Immigration Agreement renewed in 2003
- Greater flexibility to meet provincial immigration objectives
- Opportunity to recruit and nominate skilled workers through Provincial Nominee Program
- Ongoing responsibilities for settlement services and integration
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Action Strategy for Economic Growth

• Defines a target of 10,000 immigrants
• Strengthens settlement, adult language training and qualifications recognition
• Increase provincial nominee stream
• Implement Young Immigrant Farmer Program
• Increase immigration so that all areas of province will benefit
• Attract skilled Francophone immigrants
• Attract international students to Manitoba
• Establish the Manitoba Immigration Council
Manitoba Immigration
1998 to 2004
(Preliminary)
Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada

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## Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program

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Source: Manitoba Provincial Nominee Data Base
LIDS, Citizenship and Immigration Canada
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Manitoba Immigration by Regions
1999 to 2004

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Regional Immigration

• Regional Immigration Plan
  – Immigration as a factor for growth
  – Local economic and settlement capacities
  – Ability to mobilize and motivate a welcoming community
  – Successful establishment and retention of newcomers
LESSONS LEARNED IN PLANNING

- Personal ties
- Critical mass
- Jobs
- Proactive long-term settlement
- Cultural/linguistics capacities
- Appropriate services/scale
- Immigrants’ motivations/expectations
- Formalize roles
- Minimize social isolation
- Maximize information
Developing a Plan

Step 1: Getting Started
• Identify Stakeholders, Establish Local Committees, Contact Government of Manitoba, Learn From Other Communities

Step 2: Assessing Capacities
• Community Readiness, Infrastructure, Local Economy

Step 3: Developing A Plan
• Objectives, Points Of Contact, Welcoming Community, Promoting Communities

Step 4: Implementation
• Promote the Plan, Coordinate Exploratory Visits, Mobilize Volunteer Sector, Information Sharing

Step 5: Evaluation
• Consult, Review, Report
Challenges and New Directions

• Increased arrivals and changing newcomer profile (50% skilled workers)
• Timely labour market entry
• Addressing barriers to qualifications recognition
• Building new settlement approaches
• Extending services to regions
• Impacts of growth
• Increased partner involvement
• Retention
For More Information

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