Snapshot of Settlement in Manitoba

RDI TFW Dialogue Group Meeting

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Manitoba’s Immigration Directions to meet workforce demands

- Double current immigration levels of 10,000 over the next decade
  - Expand strategic promotion and recruitment activities
  - Double PNP levels in next decade

- Facilitate the post-arrival success of new arrivals
  - New settlement and integration approaches
  - Expanded services to regions
  - Timely labour market entry including addressing barriers to QR

- Expansion of TFWs program to meet employers and labour market needs
Manitoba Settlement Services Context

• Federal Provincial agreement on immigration – CMIA
  • Manitoba able to select immigration applicants through PNP
  • Transfer of federal settlement federal funds to Manitoba
  • Manitoba responsible for funding and development of settlement and language training programs

• Manitoba Settlement Strategy
  • Model for services
  • Provides direction for programming to support increasing number of newcomers
Immigration and Multiculturalism Division:

- Adult Language Training
- Settlement and Labour Market Services
- Immigration Promotion and Recruitment
- Multiculturalism Secretariat
- Strategic Planning and Program Support and Exec Admin
Manitoba Immigrant Integration Program (MIIP)

- Manitoba fully responsible for settlement and adult language training programs since 1998
- Includes 2 components:
  - Settlement Services
  - Adult English as an Additional Language
- Over 130 programs receive funding across Manitoba annually
MIIP Program Goal

Facilitate the economic and social integration of immigrants to Manitoba
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Develop common service delivery standards
- Focused/specialized services
- Build on expertise and minimize duplication
- Input from newcomers in development of new programming
- Increased communication among stakeholders
- Built on partnerships and best practices among all stakeholders including all levels of government
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

• Not intended to replicate all existing services provided to Manitobans
• Designed to assist permanent residents to settle, facilitate access to existing services, and support existing services to become accessible to immigrants
• Non ethno-specific
• Goal to foster independence
• Collaborative model among agencies
Settlement Priority Areas

- Pre-arrival Information
- Centralized Initial Information and Orientation
- Centralized Assessment and Referral
- Settlement and Community Supports
- Employment Supports
- Qualifications Recognition Supports
- Specialized Programs
ALT Priority Areas

• Pre Arrival EAL Info and Resources
• Assessment and Referral and ENTRY
• EAL Core Programs
• Neighbourhood Programs
• English at Work
• English for Specific Purposes
Service Eligibility for TFWs

- TFWs are eligible for EAL in the workplace (co-funded with employers)
- TFWs eligible for Core EAL Programs upon receipt of PNP nomination
- TFWs eligible for settlement services when needed
- Unclear eligibility for TFWs spouses for settlement and EAL services
- Eligible for most services (children’s education; health; city services) that all Manitobans get
Issues and Challenges regarding services for Temporary Foreign Workers

- TFWs not included in funding formula for settlement
- More clarity needed regarding employers responsibilities for supports to TFW after arrival beyond the job
- TFWs a new category of newcomers who have not been eligible for settlement services is the past
- Need to review eligibility criteria in light of new reality of TFWs
- need strategies to ensure information on service eligibility is available to all stakeholders
- Service needs may be different for this group
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