



Toronto North LIP

Welcomes



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Toronto North LIP (TNLIP) is a community-based, multi-sectoral planning table working to enhance the settlement and employment experiences and outcomes of immigrants and newcomers in Toronto North communities.

TNLIP has developed a Settlement Strategy and an Action Plan for the region and is in the process of implementing the plan. Read the Strategy at: www.torontonorthlip.ca

For a list of members, to learn how to get involved, or for more information on Toronto North LIP, visit:

www.torontonorthlip.ca
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Toronto North Welcomes is the bi-monthly e-Newsletter of the Toronto North Local Immigration Partnership. It includes resources, information and ideas relevant to your work serving newcomers and offers reflections on working collaboratively to build welcoming communities in Toronto North.

Remember to register for -

“A Conversation with Funders” - The goal of the event is to inform TNLIP members about current and future funding opportunities, while also building member capacity to submit successful grant proposals.

Featured Member:



Better Living Health and Community Services has been delivering community support services in the Don Mills area since 1976. Our mission is to support individuals in our community in maintaining their independence, enhancing their social well-being, and optimizing their overall health and wellness through the provision of a wide range of community support services and leisure activities.

Eligibility and fees for programs and services varies. Many of the services offered through Better Living are free or at no cost to the client. For most services, you must live within the Better Living catchment area. In Thorncliffe Park services include Social Work, Volunteer Companionship (Friendly Visiting), Telephone Reassurance, Hospice Services, Adult Day Program, Caregiver Support, Home Maintenance, Volunteer Services, Bet-

ter Living Recreation Centre and Community Programs.

Better Living Health and Community Services is a proud partner of the Seniors WEB. A partnership committed to supporting seniors, particularly those most isolated, to connect socially, access services and resources, and improve overall quality of life for a healthier and more resilient Thorncliffe Park neighborhood.

To sign-up or learn more about Better Living's community services, call their intake department at 416-447-7244 ext. 541 or visit us at -

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TNLIP Events planned in 2015:

- ◇ “A Conversation with Funders” (Spring)
- ◇ Citywide Food Security Forum (Fall)
- ◇ Forum with Faith Based Organizations (Fall)
- ◇ Annual Networking Event (Winter)

Collaboration in Action

(i) “Flemingdon-Thorncliffe Food Security Network, established with the help of TNLIP, is supporting a “Seedy Sunday” event in Thorncliffe Neighborhood. The event is organized by a resident group “Urban Farmers” and, among other sponsors, is sponsored by Children’s Aid Foundation of Toronto. This community event would bring together service providers and residents to exchange seeds and other gardening products, learn about services available in the community, network and strengthen relationships. The organizers are hoping that equipped

with necessary materials and knowledge residents would be able to start their own little gardens on balconies and grow healthy food for their families and neighbors. This would be a day of fun for newcomer families and community agencies!”

Event Details:

Sunday, May 3rd, 2015 (4 -6 pm) at Jenner Jean-Marie Community Centre (48 Thorncliffe Park Dr.)

(ii) Chance to get your application reviewed by settlement workers on Friday

April 24th, to be reviewed for errors or mistakes that can prolong the process of attaining citizenship.

Friday April 24; Drop-in between 10 am—3pm; At Working Women Community Centre, 5 Fairview Mall Drive, Suite 478

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TNLIP Quarter Highlights (Dec 2014—Feb 2015)

- ◆ The SOL Workgroup convened -
 - a) Group of 10 faith groups to learn from one another about offering services in a neighbourhood and partnering with various groups;
 - b) Presentation from Tyndale University College and Seminary regarding their research done on the role of churches in immigration and settlement using ‘The Newcomer’s Network at the People’s Church’ as a case study in the research.
- ◆ Inter-LIP group started Community of Practice, with first session on ‘Member Engagement and Retention’.
- ◆ Participated in the ‘Peer Positive Initiative’ conducted by CAMH North West Service Collaborative. TNLIP and partners will create a strategy to distribute the tool among partners.
- ◆ Completed a directory of employment supports for international students, temporary permit holders and live in-caregivers that maps existing pathways and available employment supports services.
- ◆ Led the Inter-LIP Information Session on 211 Toronto databases, on February 5th with all four quadrant members to identify specific interests and needs.
- ◆ Participated in Organization of ‘Bridges 2015’, collaboration forum held in February.

Upcoming Events

Over the coming months, Toronto North LIP will be hosting and participating in events of importance to your work. Mark your calendars!

April 17, 9:30 - 12:00	Joint Workgroup Meeting	<i>Working Women Community Centre</i>
April 30, 9:30 - 4:00	‘A Conversation with Funders’	<i>North York Civic Centre - Council Chamber</i>
April 24; 10am -3pm	‘Citizenship Drive’	<i>Working Women Community Centre</i>
May 3-4 -6 pm	‘Seedy Sunday’	<i>Jenner Jean-Marie Community Centre</i>

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