



YMCA of Northern Alberta

Settlement Workers in Schools Program

An Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada funded program, delivered by the YMCA of Northern Alberta in partnership with the Fort McMurray Catholic and Public School Boards.



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The Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) program provides newcomer students and their families with

- Needs assessments and referrals
- One-on-one and group information orientation sessions to help with their successful integration into the Canadian education system
- Workshops to help connect families to services and resources in the schools and the community
- Community connections including afterschool academic support
- Targeted matching with settled immigrants or long-time citizens
- Facilitate communication between home and school
- Advocacy

Other services offered by the YMCA include

- Translation and interpretation
- Supportive counseling
- Commissioner for oaths
- Legal clinic referrals
- English conversation circle
- Immigrant women's wellness group
- Referrals to other support agencies

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