



HAMILTON URBAN CORE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
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Hamilton Urban Core Announces Health in Settlement Initiative

HAMILTON – Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre has its formalized services to immigrant communities through the implementation of the Health in Settlement Initiative.

The Health in Settlement Initiative is an inter-professional approach to ensuring the healthy settlement of newcomer communities in Hamilton, with a focus on marginalized newcomers. With funding received through Citizenship and Immigration Canada's (CIC) Immigrant Settlement and Adaptation Program (ISAP) Hamilton Urban Core has been able to employ two Health Settlement Counselors and an Administrative Support Person to deliver a range of services.

"This is a great opportunity to formalize and enhance our service model" says Denise Brooks Executive Director at Hamilton Urban Core. "The Health in Settlement Initiative combines Hamilton Urban Core's experience, expertise, best practices and an inter-professional approach to support the healthy settlement of immigrants and refugees who have arrived in the Hamilton area."

Services provided by the Health Settlement Counselors include orientation to the community and life in Canada, needs assessment, assistance with everyday living, help accessing social and health services, and connecting people to the resources and supports they need. Individuals should be permanent residents, convention refugees or live-in caregivers to be eligible for services.

"We have also been working with many refugee claimants who are new to Hamilton and we will continue to provide support and services in this area as well," commented Maciej Kowalski Hamilton Urban Core's Community Health Programs Manager. "The work of the Health Settlement Counselors will complement other services to immigrant and refugee communities."

Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre is a fully accredited thriving inner city health centre and leader in the provision of high quality primary health care services, health promotion programs and community development and has 15 years of experience delivering services to immigrants and refugees, particularly marginalized populations.

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