

RSTP BULLETIN

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REMINDERS AND RESOURCES

Reminder: Outdated Forms and Grace Period Until July 31, 2016

As a reminder, as of July 31st, 2016, only the most recent versions of all forms will be accepted. Please refer to the RSTP Bulletin published on June 29th, 2016 for a complete list of the most recent forms.

RSTP Bulletin Features - Invitation to Contribute Questions and Stories

Is there a particular topic that you would like to see addressed in an RSTP Bulletin? Do you have a question that you would like to have answered? Do you have any sponsorship stories or experiences you would like to share with the SAH community? Email them to Melissa at mscott@rstp.ca to be considered for a future bulletin.

2016 IRCC Immigration Consultations: Until August 5, 2016

From July 5th, 2016 until August 5th, 2016, the Government of Canada is engaging Canadians with questions about immigration to inform their current immigration planning. [Click here for further information.](#)

All Canadians, including you, members of your organization, your CGs and Co-sponsors, can get involved by providing an on-line [written submission](#). Other consultation activities include cross-Canada round-table discussions led by the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary, stakeholder engagement by departmental officials; and, public opinion research.

While there is representation of SAHs by the SAH Council with IRCC, the immigration consultations serve as another opportunity to raise your voice and share your opinion as a stakeholder.

Upcoming RSTP Webinar:

Supporting Settlement and Integration

Date: July 19, 2016

Time: 4:00 - 5:30 PM EDT (1:00 - 2:30 PM PST)

We would like to invite sponsorship groups that have just welcomed sponsored refugees or are in the process of sponsorship and are still waiting for the sponsored applicants to arrive to join us for this webinar session that will focus on the subject of settlement and integration. The webinar will cover such topics as handling unrealistic expectations, establishing communication, cultural awareness, and ethical considerations in settlement.

[Please click here to register.](#)

From Damascus to Toronto: the story of Mohamed

For a short video from IRCC featuring Mohamed, who was sponsored by Bathurst United Church, [click here or the play button below](#). More details about his story can be found by [clicking this link](#)



UPCOMING RSTP TRAINING SESSIONS

Ontario:

Toronto, Ontario: *Managing Expectations and Sponsorship Ethics* -

Multiple Dates and Locations

Toronto RSS is conducting workshops across Toronto about *Managing Expectations and Sponsorship Ethics*. These workshops are intended for the private sponsors of refugees, and will explore various themes including:

-Managing expectations: What are sponsors' and refugees' expectations of each other, and how can expectations be managed to avoid potential conflict?

-Code of ethics for private sponsoring groups: What are some ethical practices that private sponsors may wish to consider?

-Power imbalance: How do power imbalances affect the relationship between sponsors and refugees, and how can they be minimized?

Private sponsors may attend one of the following workshops:

(1) July 20th, 2016

5:45 - 8:00 PM

Deer Park Library, Meeting Room

40 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto, ON, M4T 1M9

(2) July 26th, 2016

5:45 - 8:00 PM

Runnymede Library, Program Room

2178 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON, M6S 1M8

(3) August 9th, 2016

5:45 - 8:00 PM

North York Central Library, Auditorium 5120

Yonge Street, Toronto, ON, M2N 5N9

[Please click here for the registration page to register in advance.](#) Space is limited.

Atlantic Region:

New Minas, Nova Scotia: *Supporting Refugee Settlement*

Date: Saturday, July 16th

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (join us at 9:30 AM for coffee)

Location: New Minas Baptist Church, 9453 Commercial Street, New Minas, Nova Scotia

This free workshop is being offered by the Convention of the Atlantic Baptist Churches in partnership with RSTP. The purpose is to encourage and support one another as we welcome privately sponsored families into our communities. Come, learn, and share your experiences on:

- Settlement challenges & best practices
- Boundaries & ethical aspects of sponsoring & volunteering
- Financial matters
- Cultural and gender sensitivity
- Managing expectations
- Empowerment and self-determination

[Please click here for the registration page.](#) For any questions, please contact Laura at lhambleton@rstp.ca.

Halifax, Nova Scotia: *Group of Five Refugee Sponsorship: Applications Clinic*

Date: Wednesday, July 20th

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia, classroom #12, Mumford Professional Centre, 6960 Mumford Road, Suite 2120

Are you sponsoring a refugee through a Group of Five Sponsorship? Do you need help completing the application forms? RSTP is hosting a free application forms clinic. Come with (or without) your forms!

- Sponsorship application forms
- Refugee eligibility, and refugee status determination documents
- Common mistakes to avoid
- Direct help from RSTP and experienced sponsors

To register, please email RSTP Atlantic Trainer Laura at lhambleton@rstp.ca.

Dental Care for Refugees:

Interim Federal Health Program

Since there were changes to the **Interim Federal Health (IFH) Program** that came into effect on April 1st, 2016, many of you have asked us for information regarding the dental coverage provided under IFH. Under IFH, emergency dental care involving pain, infection or trauma is covered for the first year. Medavie Blue Cross notes that IFH is "not intended to provide on-going regular or routine dental care." Dentists need to be registered with Medavie Blue Cross in order to be reimbursed. [Click here for further information from Medavie Blue Cross and a dental benefit grid detailing dental treatments and whether pre-authorization is required.](#)

Medavie Blue Cross lists the following dental services that are covered under the Interim Federal Health:

- Emergency Examinations: Emergency examinations are covered no more than once every six months per dental office.
- Diagnostic Radiography: X-rays are covered with restrictions on number and type.
- Restorations: Restorations are covered for severely affected teeth only. All restorations must be pre-approved by submitting X-rays.
- Extractions: Uncomplicated emergency extractions do not require preapproval. All complicated extraction codes must be submitted with X-rays for justification.
- Emergency Prescriptions: Only those needed to treat the emergency conditions – there are charges for prescribing emergency medications.
- Anesthetics: Anaesthetics are covered with restrictions dependent on the age of the patient. All anesthetics must be submitted for predetermination.

Medavie Blue Cross states that the following dental services are *not* covered under IFH:

- Routine root canal treatments, orthodontics, temporary and permanent prosthetics;
- Intravenous sedation and nitrous oxide;
- Prophylaxis and fluoride;
- Facility fees;
- Specialist fees (unless specially approved for oral surgeons and pedodontists);
- Pulpotomies and stainless steel crowns;
- Bite-wing X-rays;
- Restoration of incipient lesions or those not visible on an X-ray as it is considered routine care;
- Scaling and root planing complete or partial dentures and relines.

Find a Dentist Near You

Check <http://www.youroralhealth.ca/> to find a dentist near to you.

After contacting the dentist, you will need to ask if they accept patients who have insurance coverage under Interim Federal Health Program.

RSTP thanks the Association of Ontario Health Centres for sharing some of this information with us.