

# RSTP Bulletin

The latest news and updates on the Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR) Program

## INQUIRIES

### You Asked

The refugee, after his arrival, insists on relocating out of the province his SAH/CG and co-sponsor are in. What can the sponsors do?

### Our Answer

#### What is secondary migration?

Secondary Migration is when a sponsored refugee decides to move out of the host community during the sponsorship period.

A sponsored person may decide to move to a different community for many reasons, including:

- Being closer to family and friends;
- Being closer to the ethnic or religious community that the sponsored refugee identifies with;
- Finding a place where the cost of living is lower; and/or
- Having better job prospects.

A change of address in the same community of settlement is not secondary migration.

Secondary migration happens for many reasons; it is not necessarily a bad thing nor a problem for the sponsoring group as long as the correct steps are taken to ensure the residency requirements are met.

#### What are the impacts of secondary migration?

##### For the sponsoring group

- When the resettled person moves away from the community of sponsorship, the sponsoring group is unable to carry out their sponsorship responsibilities (both financial and non-financial obligations).

##### For the sponsored refugee

- The newcomer may not receive the same services they have received in their initial community of settlement, as services provided by settlement agencies and community resources may vary depending on the community the newcomer is in.
- The sponsoring group may not be able to find another sponsoring group in the new community of settlement, so the refugee may no longer have a sponsoring group.
- The newcomer may no longer receive financial support from the sponsoring group.



## Impacts on refugees sponsored through the BVOR Program

### RAP payments

- The sponsored refugee's ability to receive a RAP payment could be impacted – if the refugee does not have a sponsor in their new community of settlement, they cannot receive their RAP payments.
- The amount of RAP payment may change slightly with the change of community of settlement.
- The resettled family may not receive adequate settlement support due to not having sponsors in the new community.

## How can sponsoring groups minimize the likelihood of secondary migration?

- At the pre-submission stage, when sponsoring groups are assessing eligibility and admissibility they can include a series of questions relating to secondary migration. It's important to find out if the individual you are sponsoring has family in Canada. If yes, where?

## What should the sponsoring group do when secondary migration occurs?

- Informing IRCC Immediately.
- Sponsoring groups must make reasonable efforts to fulfill their obligations outlined in the undertaking and settlement plan even if the refugee moves to a different location.
- Identifying a replacement Constituent Group and/or Co-sponsors or Group of Five member(s) to meet [residency requirements](#) in the new community and resubmit an updated sponsorship undertaking.
- Transferring the sponsorship to a new sponsoring group. In a transfer of sponsorship, the new group signs a sponsorship undertaking for the remainder of the sponsorship period. The new undertaking replaces the first, and the original group is no longer considered the sponsor.
- Appointing representatives in the new community by submitting an [Appointment of Representative\(s\) in Expected Community of Settlement form \(IMM 5956\) \(PDF, 138 KB\)](#).
- Ensuring that the [residency requirements](#) are met and collaborating with IRCC to find a resolution when replacement of the sponsoring group is not possible.

For more information, see [Sponsorship Requirements for Private Sponsorship of Refugees](#)

### **RSTP has a new French-speaking trainer!**



A native Ottawan, Lidia Jarmasz was a translator for many years and has a Master's degree in Immigration and Settlement Studies from Ryerson University in Toronto. She loves exploring Francophone communities across the country and can't wait to visit them to meet sponsoring groups!

Contact Lidia at 1-877-290-1701, ext. 2408, or at [ljarmasz@rstp.ca](mailto:ljarmasz@rstp.ca) for services in French!

## What happens when the sponsored person moves to a different country

If the sponsored refugees leave the country permanently, a sponsorship breakdown should be officially declared. Sponsoring groups should report these situations to IRCC, in order to ensure that the sponsors have no further obligations to refugees that have left Canada.

For more information on financial support, consult the [FAQs on Post-Arrival Financial Support for the PSR Program](#)

### **Nous sommes ravis d'offrir plus de services en français!**

Communiquez avec notre formatrice francophone, Lidia Jarmasz, au 1-877-290-1701, p. 2408, ou à [ljarmasz@rstp.ca](mailto:ljarmasz@rstp.ca)

# Joint Assistance Sponsorship (JAS)

Refugees sponsored under the **Joint Assistance Sponsorship (JAS)** program have special or enhanced needs that will likely result in a longer or more difficult period of integration in Canada, due to:

- **Trauma from violence or torture;**
- **Medical disabilities;**
- **The effects of systemic discrimination; or,**
- **Being a large family unit (such as a single parent with several children).**

Under the JAS program, the government and private sponsors support refugees for up to 24 months, depending on the needs of the resettled refugee. In a few cases, the private sponsor may support refugees for up to 36 months. These refugees receive income support from the Government of Canada. They are matched with a private sponsorship group to help them adjust to life in Canada with settlement help and emotional support.

Some refugees are identified overseas for the JAS program due to their special needs. Others are converted into JAS cases after they arrive in Canada if it becomes clear that they need more support.

**JAS Refugee Profiles can only be picked up by SAHs and their Constituent Groups**



Head volunteer, Miranda O'Leary, with the youngest daughter of the family they've sponsored. Photo: Miranda O'Leary Photography

**For more information about the JAS Program or JAS Refugee Profiles, visit the RSTP website [JAS page](#)**

## Many In-Canada JAS Refugees are waiting to be sponsored!

### Including

**In-Canada JAS PROFILE #: 19-0345**  
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Toronto, ON**  
**Linked File: 19-0346**  
**COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Iraq**  
**FAMILY SIZE: 2**

**Background:** A 20-year-old woman from Iraq who is raising her young sister, is the primary caregiver of her elderly grandmother and her brother who is suffering from impaired cognitive disabilities (In-Canada JAS 19-0346). She is currently waiting to attend English language classes, and her sister is attending school here in Canada.

**Help needed:** A sponsor would be very helpful in assisting her and her sister in developing life skills, navigating their local community, learning more about Canada. A sponsor would provide social and informal emotional support, including supporting this client, who is making a considerable effort to integrate into Canadian society. A sponsor could also help the principal applicant practice English and develop the necessary skills to manage their lives (e.g. scheduling appointments), learn how to use a computer/manage emails, and help them in their new community.

# Upcoming RSTP Events



## SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE ON THE PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES

**Date:** Friday, May 3, 2019

**Time:** 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm CST

**Where:** McClure United Church, 4025 Taylor St E, Saskatoon

**Description:** This RSTP workshop is for all partners of the private sponsorship of refugees program. The topics covered would include: Global Refugee Situation; Collaboration between Private Sponsors and Service Providers; IRCC Expectations of the Application and Follow-up Process for Private Sponsors; and Settlement Planning and Implementation.

**For registration, please click:** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/saskatchewan-conference-changes-in-private-sponsorship-of-refugees-program-tickets-58601566864> or contact RSTP Trainer, Helen Smith-McIntyre, at Tel: 306-343-8303 or Email: [hsmithmcintyre@rstp.ca](mailto:hsmithmcintyre@rstp.ca).

### PUBLIC EVENT IN SASKATOON SK: CURRENT REFUGEE SITUATION

**Date:** Friday, May 3, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM CST

**Where:** McClure United Church, 4025 Taylor St East, Saskatoon SK

**Description:** In this RSTP public event, Brian Dyck (National Migration & Resettlement Program Coordinator, Mennonite Central Committee Canada and Chair, Sponsorship Agreement Holders' Council) will speak on how resettlement fits into the international picture and what are the opportunities for Canadians to be involved in.

**For more information,** please contact Helen Smith-McIntyre (RSTP Trainer) at 306-343-8303.

### SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE ON PRIVATE SPONSORSHIP OF REFUGEES

**Date:** Saturday, May 4, 2019

**Time:** 8:30 am - 4:30 pm CST

**Where:** McClure United Church, 4025 Taylor St E, Saskatoon

**Description:** The topics covered would include: Global Refugee Situation; Collaboration between Private Sponsors and Service Providers; IRCC Expectations of the Application and Follow-up Process for Private Sponsors; and Settlement Planning and Implementation.

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<http://www.rstp.ca/en/training/>



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