

WHY CONNECT WITH A SETTLEMENT WORKER?

As **sponsors**, you are responsible for making sure the refugee you have sponsored has all the tools they need to settle in Canada. Did you know that you can work with a **settlement worker** to achieve this?

Settlement workers are trained professionals who assist newcomers and refer them to programs and services that will help them smoothly settle and adapt to their new community.

Here are the main benefits of being connected with a settlement worker:

Top 5 benefits to sponsored refugees

- 1 **Orientations** — sometimes even in their first language — to:
 - banking system
 - education
 - job market
 - newcomers' rights and responsibilities
- 2 **Help with applications** for government documents and programs
- 3 **Information** about services offered to newcomers at no cost
- 4 **Referrals to specialized services**, including mental health support and counseling
- 5 **Opportunities to expand their social circle** through support groups and conversation circles

Top 5 benefits to sponsors

- 1 **Shared workload**
- 2 **Peace of mind** from knowing that sponsored refugees are being supported by a professional
- 3 **Access to resources** to enhance settlement and integration of sponsored refugee
- 4 **Help with building community connections** of sponsored refugee
- 5 **Documented proof of settlement support** that can be submitted to IRCC in the context of assurance activities

Want to be connected with a settlement worker in your area?

Contact the Settlement Support Connection Team at spoconnect@rstp.ca or fill out the request form: **GET CONNECTED WITH A SETTLEMENT WORKER**