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## Ontario Helping Etobicoke-Lakeshore Newcomers Settle and Succeed

*Local Funding to Help Immigrants Adjust to Life in Ontario*

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Etobicoke - Ontario is supporting a project in Etobicoke-Lakeshore to help newcomers and their families adjust to life in Ontario.

- JobStart is receiving \$130,000 for two years to serve 829 clients and provide 1,758 one to one services in Etobicoke. JobStart has been providing Newcomer Settlement Services since 2013.

The [Newcomer Settlement Program](#) helps newcomers and refugees find housing, enrol their children in school, learn about life in Ontario, find employment and language-training supports, and develop social connections. Settlement services are offered free of charge in many communities and are available in several languages to provide newcomers with information, resources and community supports to help them integrate successfully.

As part of [It's Never Okay: An Action Plan to Stop Sexual Violence and Harassment](#), a portion of this investment will support a multilingual awareness campaign targeting newcomers and refugees to help prevent sexual violence and human trafficking, as well as provide training for settlement workers on recognizing sexual violence.

Helping newcomers succeed is part of the government's economic plan to build Ontario up and deliver on its number one priority to grow the economy and create jobs. The four-part plan includes helping more people get and create the jobs of the future by expanding access to high-quality college and university education. The plan is making the largest infrastructure investment in hospitals, schools, roads, bridges and transit in Ontario's history and is investing in a low-carbon economy driven by innovative, high-growth, export-oriented businesses. The plan is also helping working Ontarians achieve a more secure retirement.

## QUOTES

“By giving newcomers the support they need to begin their new lives as Ontarians, we are helping ensure Ontario’s future economic prosperity, and enriching our province’s social fabric for generations to come.”

— Laura Albanese, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

“Etobicoke-Lakeshore has always been a welcoming and inclusive community supporting more and more newcomers. On behalf of the province, I wish to thank JobStart and other local front-line service providers who work hand-in-hand with our new friends and neighbours to ensure they have the support they need to succeed.”

— Peter Milczyn, MPP, Etobicoke-Lakeshore

“The funding awarded to JobStart by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration will enable JobStart to continue to provide Newcomer Settlement Services in south Etobicoke over the next two years from April 1 2016 to March 31 2018. Since April 2013, the program has proven to have significant positive impacts on the lives of over 1500 newcomers to Ontario; facilitating access to language, training, health care, housing, education, employment and other community services, and providing them the tools and resources needed to build a strong Ontario. JobStart is committed to supporting newcomers to help them build a successful future in Ontario.”

- Heather Sant, Executive Director, JobStart

## QUICK FACTS

- The province is investing more than \$22.2 million over two years in 117 settlement projects delivered by 98 settlement agencies
- The funding includes support for targeted settlement and integration services for vulnerable populations, such as assistance for at-risk newcomer youth and women.
- In 2015, 95 Newcomer Settlement Program agencies provided services in over 90 languages to help nearly 80,000 newcomers across the province settle and integrate successfully.
- Ontario is investing about \$100 million annually in newcomer supports delivered by more than 225 transfer payment organizations, supporting the settlement and integration of immigrants and refugees.

## LEARN MORE

Backgrounder: Ontario Supporting 98 Settlement Agencies Across the Province

- Read about [Ontario's Immigration Strategy](#)
- Learn about Ontario's [Newcomer Settlement Program](#)
- Discover [Ontario's services for newcomers and immigrants](#)
- Read [It's Never Okay: An Action Plan to Stop Sexual Violence and Harassment](#)