

Agincourt Community Services Association

Steeles/L'Amoreaux Local Immigration Partnership

Steeles/L'Amoreaux LIP is UNDERWAY!

LIP Background

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship (MCI) and Immigration, has developed a program of Local Immigration Partnerships to identify groups that will coordinate and enhance local and regional service delivery to newcomers in Ontario while promoting innovation and efficient use of resources. The Steeles/L'Amoreaux LIP is one of 13 CIC funded Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs). Each LIP will provide a collaborative framework for, and facilitate the development and implementation of, sustainable local and regional solutions for successful integration of immigrants to Toronto. LIPs seek to help communities put immigration on their overall planning agenda in order for communities to benefit from the successful social and economic integration of new immigrants.

Our Objectives are

1. To improve access to and coordination of immigrant integration services (settlement, language training, and labour market integration)
2. To improve labour market outcomes for immigrants. This may include initiatives such as engagement of local employers, mentorship initiatives, coordination of local employment services and non-paid internships
3. To strengthened local awareness and capacity to successfully integrate immigrants

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Who makes up the S/L'am LIP ? partnership?

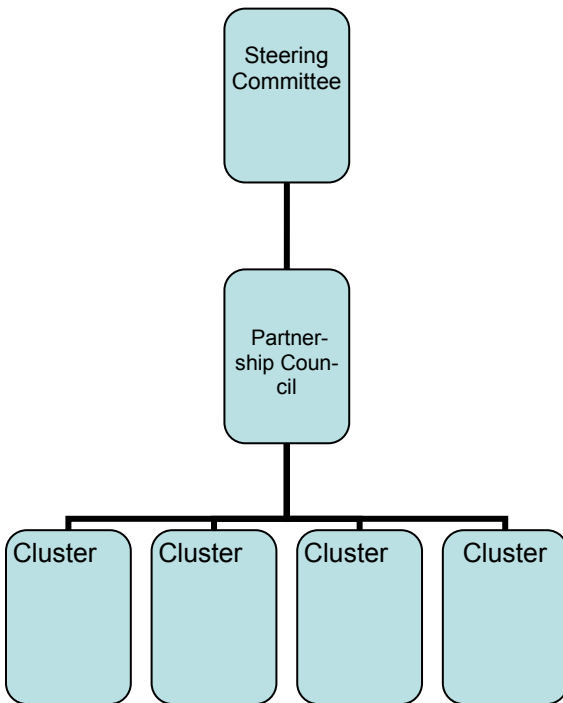
A Partnership Council is a group of relevant stakeholders that come together regularly to develop a coordinated, comprehensive and strategic approach to immigration and integration that fits the needs of the neighbourhood it represents.

Our partnership council includes participation from a wide range of stakeholders including the City of Toronto, community organizations, settlement agencies, language training providers, local associations and employers.

Please refer to the last page of this newsletter for a list of our current partners.

The Steeles/L'Amoreaux Local Immigration Partnership is currently in the process of recruiting members to participate in the S/L'Am LIP. Agencies which are interested or know of agencies that may be interested, are encouraged to join by contacting ggael@agincourtcommunityservices.com.

Our Partnership



Our partnership council design follows the image on the left.

Along with our partnership council, the S/L'Am LIP is comprised of clusters and a steering committee.

A Cluster refers to a specific sub-group comprised of council members with knowledge relating to a particular service area. It is information gathered and shared at this level that will enable the group to move forward in addressing the key outcomes noted in Phase One of the Steeles/L'Amoreaux Workplan. *Due to the working nature of clusters, they are required to meet every month for the duration of the S/L'Am LIP Project.*

The **Steering Committee** is comprised of the lead agency, project management and the chair and/or one other member of each cluster. The steering committee will meet every quarter to discuss progress and updates on each of the committees.



Steps of the Steeles/L'Amoreaux LIP

As part of the province-wide initiative, the Steeles/L'Amoreaux LIP will engage in a local planning process that will involve the following four steps over a one-year period:

Step 1 – Preparation

- Recruitment and development of Project Management Committee
- Recruitment and hiring of Facilitation Consultants
- Launch of project with potential partners

Step 2 – Partnership Formation

- Develop terms of reference
- Continued outreach, recruitment and development of Partnership Council
- Partnership data collection
- Orientation & Partnership review and training day for Council members
- Environmental Scan and review of existing reports and census data

Step 3 – Development of Settlement Strategies

- Original research and planning activities
- Community consultations in Steeles/L'Amoreaux neighbourhood
- Settlement Strategy Planning Workshop for Council members
- Development of settlement strategies by the Neighbourhood Partnership Council

Step 4 – Development of Settlement Workplans

- Communication of Settlement Strategies through local media and community events to raise community awareness
- Creation of detailed settlement workplans based on strategic directions identified by each Partnership Council
- Planning for Sustainability Workshop for Council members

Meetings

Partnership Meetings

S/L'Am partnership meetings will be held on the following **Tuesdays 1pm-4pm** at Agincourt Community Services Association, 4155 Sheppard Ave. E.

- ** DECEMBER 1st 2009
- ** JANRUARY 5th 2010
- ** APRIL 13th 2010
- ** JUNE 22nd 2010
- ** OCTOBER 12th 2010

Steering Committee Meetings

S/L'Am Steering Committee Meetings will be held on the same Tuesdays of each month as our Partnerships however, from **11am-1pm** at Agincourt Community Services Association, 4155 Sheppard Ave. E.

- **Except for JANRUARY (on Jan. 5th) meetings

Cluster Meetings

Cluster Meetings will be held monthly on the **last Tuesday of every month** as required by the Steeles/L'Amoreaux LIP

- **Time and location to be determined by each cluster

Timelines

Terms of Reference in place

- Draft—January 5th 2010
- Final—January 8th 2010

Strategic Planning and training and evaluation

- **Partnership data collection**—all partners will be required to complete a survey/questionnaire from our external consultant (Dec 09/Jan 10)
- **Partnership review and training day (STRATEGIC PLANNING)**
**DATE AND LOCATION TBA (end of January/beginning of February)
- **Settlement Strategy and Planning Day**
**DATE AND LOCATION TBA (June 2010)
- **Planning for implementation and sustainability**
**DATE AND LOCATION TBA (September 2010)





Timelines Continued

First draft of the local settlement strategy

- September 2010

Final draft of the local settlement strategy

- October 2010

Steeles/L'Amoreaux LIP Partners

Agincourt Community Services Association (Lead)
Action for Neighbourhood Change – Glendower
Action for Neighbourhood Change – Dorset Park
City of Toronto Community Development Office (NAP)
Canadian Arab Federation
Centre for Information and Community Services (CICS)
Afghan Association of Ontario
Toronto District School Board
Toronto Catholic District School Board
Toronto Public Health
YouthLink
Northwest Scarborough Youth Centre
Chester Le Coalition
South Asian Family Support Services
Catholic Crosscultural Services
Scarborough Housing Help Centre
Scarborough Support Services
Mennonite New Life Centre
Acces Employment Services
West Hill Community Services
Toronto Public Library

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