

Atlantic Immigration Research Priorities

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Labour Market

- Barriers: Employer attitudes and concerns, especially when hiring professional and middle management positions
- Realistic opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship in smaller centres and rural areas

Education (for Immigrants)

- Options to address gaps in service for young adult refugees who are too old for high school yet need literacy, academic and language support
- Experiences of refugees in Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs (access, gaps, learning outcomes)

Professional Development

(for Settlement Organizations)

- Roles, responsibilities and boundaries of settlement staff as they help newcomers integrate
- Risk Management and Governance related to child protection, insurance, professional / personal boundaries

Children and Youth

- Experiences and impacts of racism, discrimination and prejudice in the daily lives of immigrant children and youth
- Success stories of how partnerships with schools, community agencies and settlement organizations positively impact children and youth

Welcoming Communities

- General attitudes toward immigrants/refugees in the Atlantic region – especially important in light of Syrian Refugee backlash
- How to help rural areas grow settlement and resettlement / encourage newcomers to rural areas and be successful - shaping the economic landscape in Atlantic Canada
- Best ways to get positive messaging embedded in social/cultural fabric of our communities