



# 2015 Pathways to Prosperity Conference

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015

# VISION

A United, Professional  
Settlement Sector in  
Manitoba

# MEMBERS

Currently MIRSSA has 47 member  
organizations



# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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- Recognized sector advocate
- Strong and supportive member network
- Organizational sustainability

# LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL NETWORKS

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- Immigration Partnership Winnipeg (& other LIPs)
- CISSA-ACSEI
- Western Region Working Group
- Immigration Research West
- National Settlement Council
- Canadian Council for Refugees

Other key research bodies:  
Pathways to Prosperity  
Metropolis

# MIRSSA's Engagement with Research

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## **Partner on projects:**

Partnered with RDI on *“Immigration Settlement Services and Gaps in Citizenship and Immigration Canada’s Western Region”*

Partnering with MEALO and Manitoba Research Association on *“Access to Settlement Services in Manitoba”*

## **Vehicle for Dissemination:**

Newsletters, member meetings, hosting lunch and learns, committees

# Research Needs

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1. Track impact of policy (changes) on newcomers
2. Help promote best practice
3. Help settlement sector adapt to changes and trends
4. Knowledge mobilization

Specific groups: Youth, seniors, people with disabilities

# Research on Policy

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- Need for tracking the impacts of changes in CIC policy, including:
  - Changes in citizenship rules, and their impacts
- Impacts of transportation loans on refugees
- Ongoing need for studies on impacts of clients eligibility

# Research for Specific Groups / Populations

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- Needs Assessment on Newcomer Youth
- Need for research on TFW families that have family members with disabilities; impacts during PNP or other immigration process
- Ongoing need for studies on impacts of foreign credential recognition processes (comparative by province?)
- Settlement outcomes of privately sponsored refugees in smaller communities
- Survey/study about the perceptions of francophone newcomers in majority Anglophone communities



# Research on Good Practice

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- Research on CIC's settlement program from perspective of service providers/service users
- Research on capacity of settlement workers
- Research on best practices on supporting clients with multiple barriers including disabilities

# Meta - Research

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- Literature Review to map what we know and what we don't know, identify further areas for research.
- Research on interdependence of variables on settlement outcomes (connections between housing, health, educations, etc.)

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