



Creating Welcoming Communities in Small Centres

Pathways to Prosperity Conference

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Community Reports

- Brandon University – RDI studies:
 - Immigration, Settlement services and Gaps in CIC's Western Region
 - 29 community reports in 4 provinces
 - Immigration in 5 Rural Manitoba Communities with a Focus on Refugees
 - Boissevain – Killarney
 - Dauphin
 - Portage la Prairie
 - Steinbach – Kleefeld
 - Winkler – Altona – Morden - Carman



Pembina Valley Region

Since 1998 - 126 source countries represented

- City of Winkler - 17.6%
- City of Morden - 18.9%
- Town of Altona - 10%
- Rural Municipality of Stanley - 31.2%

Stats Canada 2011 Census



Multi-level Partnerships

- Government
- Regional organizations
- Chamber organizations
- Community Development organizations
- Employers
- Education
- Housing
- Health and Mental Health
- Public Health Services
- Family/Community Resource Centres
- Community Services
- Ethno-cultural supports
- Recreation
- Faith-based groups
- Volunteers
- Private sponsorship groups



Refugee Resettlement in the Region

Town of Altona

- 5 Syrian families

City of Winkler

- 2 Syrian families

City of Morden

- 2 Syrian families

- Town of Carman

- 1 Syrian family



All Are Welcome

- **Visibility**
- **Building community networks**
- **Employers**
- **Schools**
- **Positive Messaging**
- **Settlement organization**
- **Volunteers**





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