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PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

OVERVIEW OF VANCOUVER LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP (VLIP)

KEY INSIGHTS : RATIONALE FOR FRANCOPHONE INCLUSION STRATEGY

FRANCOPHONE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

MOTIVATING FACTORS FOR FRANCOPHONE AGENCIES TO JOIN VLIP

INITIAL OUTCOMES THROUGH APPLIED FRANCOPHONE INCLUSION STRATEGY

CHALLENGES & ADDRESSING: NAVIGATING A NON-LINEAR PROCESS



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Collaborating across sectors to influence systemic change and results for the impactful integration and well-being of immigrants, refugees, and those new to Canada.

GBA+ FORUM





VLIP STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT AND REPRESENTATION

Expand VLIP partners across sectors & prioritized those underrepresented.

INFLUENCE CHANGE FOR EQUITY

Engage partners, applying an intersectional lens, to address the deepest inequities facing those made most vulnerable, including those new to Canada.

KNOWLEDGE HUB

Build capacity of the partners by sharing best practices, enhance access to resources & build collaborative solutions.

DATA COLLECTION AND UTILIZATION

Conduct evidence-based research, utilize existing research on current and emergent barriers to the well-being of immigrants, refugees, and those new to Canada.



KEY INSIGHTS : RATIONALE FOR FRANCOPHONE INCLUSION STRATEGY

Top 10 countries of origin for French-speaking permanent residents admitted outside Quebec (2016 to 2020)

1. France (32.9%)
- 2 Congo (DRC) (10.5%)
3. Cameroon (6.2%)
4. Morocco (5.7%)
5. Algeria (5.4%)
6. Burundi (4.7%)
7. Haiti (4.6%)
8. Côte d'Ivoire (2.9%)
9. Belgium (2.7%)
10. Djibouti (2.1%)

Source: Office of the Commissioner of Official Language.

- More than **328,000 people in British Columbia (6.6% of B.C.'s population)** can conduct a conversation in French.

WHERE DO FRANCOPHONES LIVE?

(percentage of the population whose first official language is French) .



ECONOMIC REGIONS

- A Lower Mainland–Southwest: 58%
- B Vancouver Island and Coast: 20%
- C Thompson–Okanagan: 12%
- D Kootenay: 4%
- E Cariboo: 3%
- F Northeast: 1%
- G North Coast: 1%
- H Nechako: 1%

The French Presence in British Columbia³

Source: AMSSA

“ Infographic: Francophone Fact sheet”

KEY INSIGHTS : RATIONALE FOR FRANCOPHONE INCLUSION STRATEGY

British Columbia introduces **French-language policy** which came into effect on **April 1, 2024**.



Population Growth: In 2021, there were 42,000 French speakers living in Vancouver and Victoria.



Education demand: For the 2022-2023 year, there are more than 53,300 children enrolled in French immersion programs.

Common Challenges Experienced by French-Speaking Newcomers:

1. **Unfamiliarity with Available Services/Resources in French.**

2. **Limited Knowledge of Francophone Linguistic Minority Communities in Vancouver.**

3. **Absence of a Standardized Referral Process in the Settlement Sector.**

Addressing barriers, francophones can play an active role in our province's **social, cultural and economic development.**



VLIP STRATEGIC PRIORITY FOR COLLABORATION WITH FRANCOPHONE SECTOR (INITIAL PHASE)

Meaningful engagement with emerging /underserved communities

Engagement with BC Francophone Immigration Network 2022

Meeting with 16 Francophone serving agencies

Initial success- Francophone agencies joined VLIP Council

Trusting relationship (Individual & Organization)

A shared vision

An inclusive approach: Respected as an essential and valued partner

Demonstrating Openness and flexibility

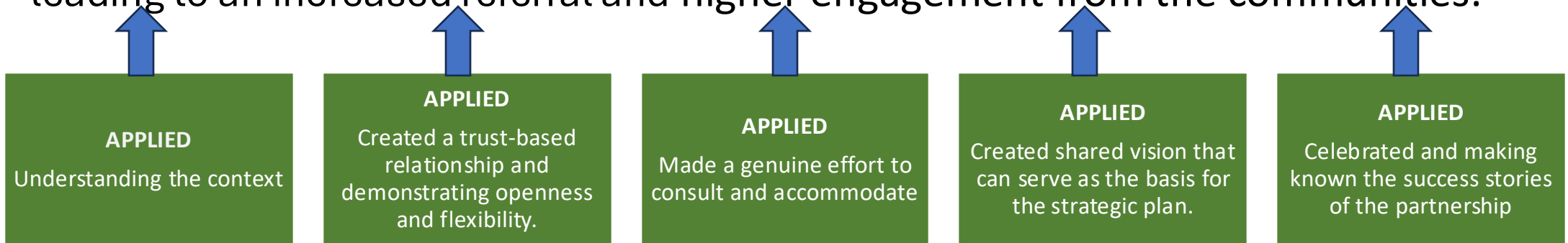
MOTIVATING FACTORS FOR FRANCOPHONE AGENCIES TO JOIN VLIP

CREATE	VISIBILITY & AMPLIFY VOICE
RAISE	AWARENESS OF DUAL MINORITY
BUILD	NETWORK WITH ANGLOPHONE AGENCIES
COLLABORATE	COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH AND DATA SHARING
IMPROVE	SETTLEMENT OUTCOMES



INITIAL OUTCOMES THROUGH APPLIED FRANCOPHONE INCLUSION STRATEGY

- A stronger bilingual framework within VLIP activities.
- Increased engagement and representation of Francophone perspectives in Council decisions.
- Enhanced collaboration between Francophone and Anglophone agencies through special projects.
- Deeper mutual understanding between Francophone and Anglophone agencies, leading to an increased referral and higher engagement from the communities.



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Highlights from the GBA Plus Forum

VLIP Gender-Based Analysis Plus forum brought together BC wide 225 participants from a broad spectrum of industries, including non-profit and for-profit sectors, gender-focused small businesses, educational institutions, and governmental organizations, representing both Anglophone and Francophone communities. This diverse turnout highlighted the widespread interest in advancing gender equity and intersecting issues in various professional spaces.

The forum centered on the importance of GBA+ as a tool for analyzing the impacts of policies, programs, and services, enabling organizations to recognize and address the unique experiences of diverse groups.

Key takeaways from the forum included the need for brave spaces for open dialogue, data matters, invest in training, and the importance of leadership in driving meaningful change for gender equality.



Highlights from the Metropolis Conference 2024

The Vancouver Local Immigration Partnership is strategically collaborating, across sectors, to influence systemic change and well-being of newcomers to Canada. VLIP alongside with the Francophone and Anglophone sectors are fostering cross-cultural partnerships and collaborative efforts to enhance service delivery, promote inclusivity, and create a strong community environment.

An Inclusive stakeholder engagement strategy presentation provided an overview of the role of VLIP and Francophone sector partners in addressing and bridging the cross-sectoral gaps to strengthen settlement services in BC.

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VLIP FRANCOPHONE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Purpose

Ensure Representation
Advocate for meaningful representation of French-speaking communities in Vancouver.

Strengthen Collaboration
Liaise with Anglophone agencies for an equitable referral process.

Promote Awareness
Foster understanding of cultural nuances among French speakers.

Identify Needs
Collaborate on research to align services for emerging communities.

Composition

The Committee consists of representatives from Francophone-serving agencies on the VLIP Council.

UPCOMING EVENTS





ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES: NAVIGATING A NON-LINEAR PROCESS

- Representation and Decision-Making
- Resource constraints
- Language translation/interpretation
- What's the point?

Addressing these challenges requires open communication, mutual respect, and proactive strategies

Thank You!

Questions?

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COLLABORATION WITH THE SETTLEMENT SECTOR TO SUPPORT IMMIGRANTS' HEALTHCARE NEEDS

Presented by Nicolas Roux

Get to know us!

RésoSanté C.-B. is a provincial NGO working to support the development, integrated access and continuity of health services in French across BC.

CONTEXT

2 MAIN OBJECTIVES



Ensuring access to healthcare with the greatest possible equity between communities and minorities.



Reduce errors and improve patient safety.

THE IMPACT OF LANGUAGE BARRIERS IN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITY



DIVERSE

- An asset but also a challenge.
- “French-canadian” - Different provinces.



IDENTIFICATION

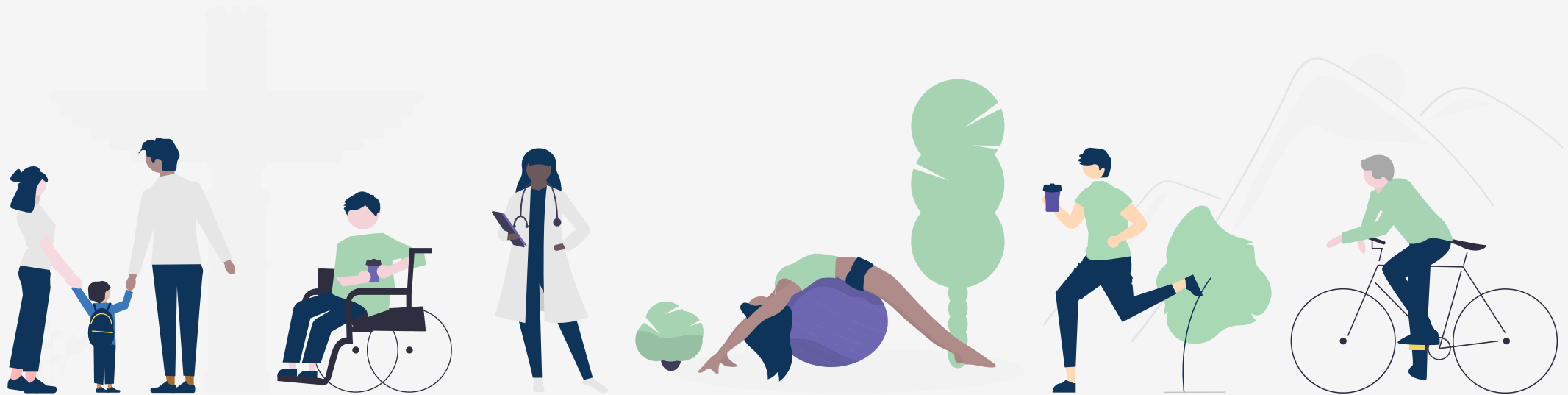
- Challenging to identify all the Francophones.
- The need to discover new ways to connect.



“PAR ET POUR”

- Include communities in decision-making and implementation processes.
- Understand their needs and priorities, while building community capacity.

NEW WEBSITE RESOSANTE.CA



Opening of Santé **Ouest**

The first **Francophone Community Health Centre**
in BC

santeouest.ca



SantéOuest
CENTRE DE SANTÉ COMMUNAUTAIRE
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE



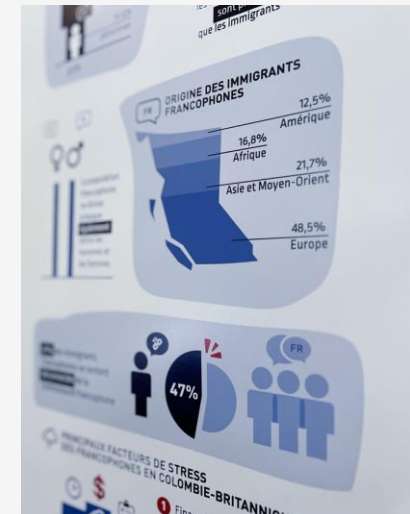
OUR PROJECTS



Accueil en santé

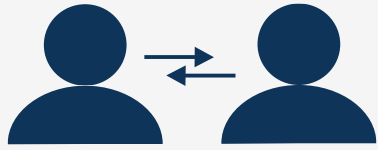


Pop-up clinics



Immigrants' health study

VLIP CONNECTIONS



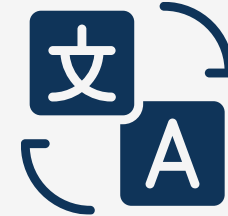
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- First contacts with English-speaking organizations.
- Opportunities to reach francophones who don't know us.



NEW POSSIBILITIES

- Participating in welcoming events and meeting organizations' members and public.
- Exemple: YMCA, tennis lessons




ACCESSIBILITY

- Difference between adaptation and interpretation/traduction.



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