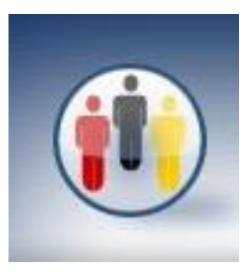
A Review of the Host Program on Prince Edward Island







Rationale

- Importance of Host Program in Settlement
 Experience and Suggestions for Improvement.
- Changing Clientele

43 Respondents to Questionnaire (Summer 2009): 9 Refugee / 24 Korean PNPs / 10 Others

Retention Rate (Refugees & PNPs) = **28%** after 18-24 months of arrival to PEI.

Breaking Into PEI Society (1)

- Employer (with off island recruitment)
- Local church
- Alternative forum
- Community broker (neighbour, relative, friend)

 How well does the Host Program (Friendship – ESL – Holiday Host ...) serve as a Community Broker ?

Breaking Into PEI Society (2)

8 out of 9 Refugees ---- 8 out of 19 Korean PNPs

8	making friends amongst Islanders	4
8	getting invited to people's homes	2
7	going shopping	0
	making friends amongst other newcomers to Canada	
5	and PEI	2
5	learning/practising official language	5
3	opening bank account/securing bank loan	0
2	finding/buying/renting a home	0
2	buying a car	0
2	getting to know the neighbours	0
2	joining a sports team	0
2	finding work	3
0	getting to know elected politicians	2

Why not use the Host Program (1)

- Planning to Leave PEI (work/education/food)
 PEI is a "stop over place"
- "People have moved here and left. First, because this is a small province and there are not many opportunities for employment. [Second,] those who were used to life in big cities find it difficult to settle in a small community like here. [Third,] people tend to go near where friends or relatives are. .. Other factors may have to do with availability of <u>ethnic food</u>. Here, some items have to be shipped in from out of province; whereas, in larger cities, oriental markets exist and it is very easy to locate items needed" (R#11).

Why not use the Host Program(2)

- Have other Community Supports (e.g. Church)
- Embarrassment and Language Barriers
- Restricted Mandate and Scope of Program (more beyond language into practical assistance – for working/self-employment/health care/living?)

2. How can Host Program Volunteers improve the Immigrants' Settlement Experience? Should the Host Program mandate be broadened? And, if yes, how?

Relationship between Host and Client

Equal	Host-Guest	Unequal
Friend/Brother/Sister	Attitude to Host by Client	Provider of Assistance
Friend/Brother/Sister	Attitude to Client by Host	Requiring Assistance
Mutual Trade / Exchange	Nature of Relationship	Dependence/Support
Long Term	Long-Term Prospects	Instrumental/ Short Term

3. How would you define your relationship with your Host Program Client(s)? What are the effects of this?

Any Other Contribution?

• Suggestions Welcome!

• On behalf of the Team . . . Thank You!

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