



Integration Summit

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Federal, Provincial and Municipal
Government Plenary

Provincial Government Perspectives and
Initiatives

Provincial Government Mandates

Mandates

- Government of Alberta - Five priorities
- Mandate letters for each ministry
- Coordination and alignment

Government Policies

Policies

Social Policy Framework

Vision:

- Inclusive and welcoming

Outcomes:

- safe, healthy, secure & resilient, lifelong learners, included, active and engage.
- aligned, accessible, complimentary, balanced and accountable & sustainable.

Policies

SIIA

- Released in 2005
- Provided strategic direction for the coordination and implementation of policies
- Helped build Alberta's labour force through immigration
- Joint effort with several GoA departments and external stakeholders

Policies (Cont'd)

- Nine-year-old strategy was successful
- Changes in Canada's immigration system
 - new Express Entry Model for economic immigration
 - recent policy shift in relation to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.
- Changes combined with successes of the original SIIA policy, Alberta's projected labour needs

Settlement Services

Current Settlement Services

- Fund immigrant serving agencies to deliver services to newcomers
- Expect to increase the ability of newcomers to access opportunities, services and resources
- Enhance labour market participation and economic independence
- Provide opportunities for community involvement in helping newcomers

Outcomes Survey

- National and Alberta Settlement Outcomes Survey
 - follow-up focus group findings from the Alberta Settlement Outcomes Survey
- Have similar goals and close alignment
- Have similar challenges

Survey Results – Key Measures

Key Measures	
Alberta Settlement Outcomes Survey	National Settlement Outcomes Survey: AB
Experience with Settlement Services in AB	Service Awareness & Accessibility Rights and Responsibilities
Information Needs and Access	
Attachment to Alberta and Canada	Settlement Satisfaction & Attachment
Economic Integration and Outcomes	Credential Recognition/Employment Fit
Social Integration and Outcomes	Social Connection
Well-being and Life Satisfaction	Life Essentials
English Language Assessment and Instruction was a measure within Experience with Settlement Services in AB	Ease with Official Languages

Survey Results - Successes

Successes	
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Experience with Settlement Services in AB	Service Awareness & Accessibility (for those in the labour force)
Attachment to Alberta and Canada	Settlement Satisfaction & Attachment
Well-being and Life Satisfaction	Life Essentials
Social Integration and Outcomes	

Survey Results - Challenges

Challenges	
Alberta Settlement Outcomes Survey	National Settlement Outcomes Survey: AB
Information Needs and Access	Service Awareness & Accessibility (for those not in the labour force)
Economic Integration and Outcomes	Employment Fit/Credential Recognition
Lack of connections/networks to aid in finding employment noted under Economic Integration and Outcomes	Social Connections
	Ease with Official Languages (those not in the labour force)

Key Considerations

Settlement System – Factors to Consider

Several key factors to take into consideration

- GoA Mandates and Priorities
- Alberta's labour needs
- SIIA
- Survey results
- Changes to the Federal Immigration System
- Changing needs of Immigrants
- Foreign Credential Recognition
- Language Skills
- ESL system support
- Bridging Programs
- CIC's Upcoming CFP
- New Directions in National Settlement Program

What's Next?

Next Phase

- Look at key considerations
- Identify gaps and priorities
- Promote flexibility, accessibility
- Identify outcomes
 - ultimate, immediate/intermediate outcomes?
 - consider the target population
- Promote collaboration
 - different partnerships



THANK YOU