

## Service Schedule

**Tuesday—Friday during  
school hours**

All clients should sign the *Release of Information* form to access the service. This form is available from the ESL teachers, school counsellors, and school staff.

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## Settlement Workers In Schools (SWIS)

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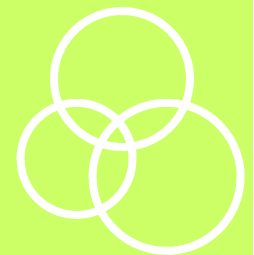


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# SWIS



## Settlement Workers In Schools



## What is the role of the Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)?



The primary focus of the school-based settlement service is to assist parents and their children with first year settlement needs. The emphasis is on facilitation of settlement and integration of newcomer families through referrals and cross-cultural education. More specifically, the program is intended to provide:

- Initial support and outreach to all newcomer families in the district
- Orientation and information workshop on school, community and settlement topics
- Needs assessment and action planning through settlement counselling
- Referral to appropriate school programs, community services and government resources

### Services to Families

The first few years in Canada are particularly difficult for newcomer students and their families. SWIS connect newly arrived families to services and resources in the school and the community to promote settlement and foster student achievement. We are:

- To serve children and families with settlement needs primarily in the first 1 to 3 years after arrival in Canada
- To facilitate settlement and integration of newcomer families through referrals and linkages to appropriate community services and cross-cultural education

### Services to Schools

SWIS meet with elementary and secondary students, staff, parents and guardians regarding settlement issues. Through informative workshops and dialogue, client needs will be assessed and relevant solutions will be developed and implemented.



SWIS help individuals to:

- Access information about schools and schooling
- Adjust to school environment and culture with a focus on learning
- Integrate into the school system and Canadian society
- Acquire cross-cultural orientation
- Connect to appropriate services and agencies through referrals
- Communicate between school, home and community agencies
- Increase family involvement in the school and the community

**SWIS Services are available in various languages through the SWIS workers' native languages and through interpretation services if necessary. The current SWIS workers are able to serve in English, Mandarin, Cantonese and Korean.**