



To find more information and access to SWIS services please contact us at one of our six locations:



**The Humboldt Regional Newcomer Centre**  
636 9th Street  
Humboldt, SK S0K 2A1  
306-682-4277

**Moose Jaw Multicultural Council**  
60 Athabasca Street East  
Moose Jaw, SK S6H 0L2  
306-693-4677

**Regina Open Door Society**  
4th Floor, 2220 12 Avenue  
Regina, SK S4P 0M8  
306-652-3500

**Saskatoon Open Door Society**  
129 3rd Avenue North  
Saskatoon, SK S7K 2H4  
306-653-4464

**Southwest Newcomer Welcome Centre**  
237 Central Avenue North  
Swift Current SK S9H 0L3  
306-778-6262

**YWCA**  
1895 Central Avenue  
Prince Albert, SK S6V 4W8  
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**Connects, Informs, Collaborates**

**Settlement Workers In Schools (SWIS) Program in Saskatchewan is:**

**A province-wide support and outreach program designed to assist newcomer students and their families in urban and rural schools in Saskatchewan.**

**SWIS connects newcomers to community resources.**

**SWIS provides information to newcomers about the Canadian school system.**

**SWIS collaborates with community organizations to support the integration of newcomers.**



## SWIS Connects

Schools are one of the first services that newcomers are connected to in the community. With the school's cooperation, SWIS workers are in close contact with newcomers and refer them to the broad range of services available to them within the community.



## SWIS Informs

SWIS supports successful school integration by:

- identifying barriers in the school system and providing education, information and guidance to students, parents, teachers, and school administrators;
- increasing communication effectiveness by providing linguistic and cultural interpretation to students, parents, teachers and other service providers;
- increasing student and parent awareness about the total range of opportunities and services available to assist them in settlement by providing information and practical guidance throughout the school year either individually or in small group sessions; and
- advocating on behalf of students and their families.



## SWIS Collaborates

SWIS collaborates with schools and other community organizations to support the smooth transition of newcomers into their schools, communities and homes.



*SWIS provides Students and their families with the immediate essential services required to support their transition into the Canadian school setting.*

This is achieved by:

- **SUPPORTING** students' transition to life in Canada by providing practical guidance, and culturally sensitive consultation,
- **ENCOURAGING** family involvement in students' school life;
- **INCREASING** each client's ability to access appropriate and timely community services;
- **PROVIDING** services and benefits in the client's first language by arranging for interpreters;
- **DEVELOPING** greater community awareness and involvement in the integration process;
- **FOSTERING** positive attitudes and associations with communities;
- **STRENGTHENING** immigrants' and refugees' ability to cope with the challenges of integration;
- **DELIVERING** information sessions on topics related to settlement to high school and elementary school students and their families; and
- **PROMOTING** respect for cultural diversity by informing and educating school personnel



## SWIS Program Focus

The SWIS program focuses on providing support to:

- Newcomer families who have been in Canada a short time;
- Newcomers with unresolved first-year settlement needs; and
- Families with long-term settlement issues or who are in need of intensive support.

SWIS provides services to all categories of immigrants including government sponsored refugees, privately sponsored refugees, family sponsored immigrants economic immigrants, secondary immigrants and Canadian citizens who are the children of immigrants.