

Community Engagement and Developing the Community Profile

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Community Engagement

- Explore options to integrate WCI into an existing structure
 - Hamilton LIPS – presented in September
 - Also link to Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council, Poverty Roundtable, Jobs Prosperity Collaborative, Hamilton's Center for Civic Inclusion
- Feed and integrate WCI into the existing community infrastructures
 - Issue of time-line differences between WCI and LIPS in short-term



Profile Development

- Identify (via meeting with partners and local searches) community services, resources, and measures.
- The scan will include programs and services offered by the City of Hamilton (i.e., Housing, Public Health, Community Services), and other community groups and agencies that work with new Canadians.
- Data will include:
 - Type/range of services provided;
 - Service groups (i.e., client demographics);
 - Number (population size) that services are provided to;
 - Policies and program description.



Beyond the Profile:

Potential Future Next Steps (1)

- Public education role - i.e. demonstrating the importance and value of research to local policies and programs. Research facilitation and training:
- Develop (with partners) workshops/seminars on aspects of research and geared toward sharing of information:
 - Potential topics include conducting interviews and focus groups, survey design, ethics and confidentiality, data analysis). Workshops would be flexible and geared toward partner needs while drawing on faculty (drawn from campus and elsewhere) expertise.



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Beyond the Profile:

Potential Future Next Steps (2)

- Immigrant integration as a two way process - the less developed side of that equation is the host society, and that is where the emphasis should be given
- Need for identification of the detailed organizational, policy and program changes that are required.
 - Challenge for Hamilton LIP (and others) is the ability to interpret the implications of the research into action that will improve Hamilton as a more welcoming community.
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Institutional Arrangements

- Develop Terms of Reference
- Meetings will be held in spaces provided by community partners (i.e., SISO, North Hamilton Community Health Center) providing a sense of familiarity and ease.

