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Creating Welcoming Communities in Small Centres

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Community Reports

- Brandon University RDI studies:
 - Immigration, Settlement services and Gaps in CIC's Western Region
 - 29 community reports in 4 provinces
 - Immigration in 5 Rural Manitoba Communities with a Focus on Refugees
 - Boissevain Killarney
 - Dauphin
 - Portage la Prairie
 - Steinbach Kleefeld
 - Winkler Altona Morden Carman



Pembina Valley Region

Since 1998 - 126 source countries represented

- City of Winkler 17.6%
- City of Morden 18.9%
- Town of Altona 10%
- Rural Municipality of Stanley 31.2%

Stats Canada 2011 Census





Multi-level Partnerships

- Government
- Regional organizations
- Chamber organizations
- Community Development organizations
- Employers
- Education
- Housing
- Health and Mental Health

- Public Health Services
- Family/Community Resource Centres
- Community Services
- Ethno-cultural supports
- Recreation
- Faith-based groups
- Volunteers
- Private sponsorship groups



Refugee Resettlement in the Region

Town of Altona

5 Syrian families

City of Winkler

2 Syrian families

City of Morden

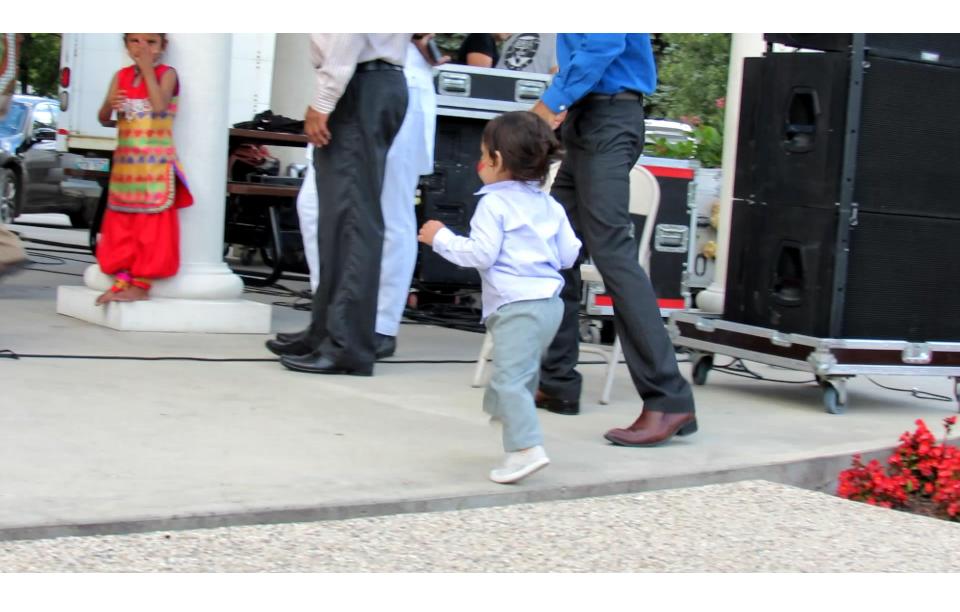
- 2 Syrian families
- Town of Carman
- 1 Syrian family



All Are Welcome

- Visibility
- Building community networks
- Employers
- Schools
- Positive Messaging
- Settlement organization
- Volunteers





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