## ABBOTSFORD COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Connections Program

604-217-3055 | <u>website</u>

• This program is a friendship-based matching program designed to help newcomers link to diverse social networks in our community. While building a new friendship, host volunteers will help with newcomers' priorities such as learning about Canada and the Abbotsford community, developing new social networks, obtaining services and practicing English. Conversation circles are offered weekly and are based on a theme related to living in Canada.

Employment Mentors' Program

604-217-0444 | <u>website</u>

• The Employment Mentors' Program focuses on building connections for employment between professional mentors in the Abbotsford business community and newcomers to Canada in the Abbotsford area.

Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC)

604-859-7681 x 216 | LINC@abbotsfordcommunityservices.com | website

 Provides free ESL classes (CLB1 - CLB8) to new immigrants. Classes are offered morning and evening in Abbotsford and a morning class in Mission. On-site child minding is available for morning classes at some locations.

Interpretation & Translation Services 604-870-3769 | Toll Free: 1-877-889-8886 | Fax: Fax: 604-854-8033 | <u>website</u> Email: <u>interpretation@abbotsfordcommunityservices.com</u>

• Interpretation and translation services in over 70 different languages

Legal Advocacy Program Abbotsford: 604-859-7681 x 307 | <u>website</u> Surrey: 604-596-7722

 The Legal Advocacy Program is a program to provide legal information, education, awareness and access to seasonal farm workers in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley area. The program can help to address the unique needs of the seasonal worker communities in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley Regions.

Multicultural and Immigrant Settlement 604-859-7681 | <u>website</u>

• From promoting cross-cultural understanding and diversity to services for newcomers to Canada, we have a wide range of multicultural programs.



Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants

604-866-0257 Abbotsford Community Services website | Career Paths website

• The Career Paths for Skilled Immigrants program will assist you to gain experience, find employment or improve employment within your field, with an individual approach that is tailored to meet your needs.

## PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT AND RECOGNITION (PLAR)

604-851-6342 | <u>website</u>

• The Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition department at the University of the Fraser Valley helps newcomers to assess their prior learning against Canadian university systems to get places correctly in educational settings so newcomers can meet their educational goals.

## WORKING IN CANADA

1-800-O-CANADA (1-800-622-6232) | website

• The Working in Canada website helps newcomers that are interested in living and working permanently in Canada to learn more about various occupations in Canada, including how much a person in that occupation may make and where the most jobs are. A guide is also available to print from this website.

