



Newcomers Employment & Education Development Services (N.E.E.D.S.) Inc.

Mentorship & Outreach Program Fact Sheet

FOCUS: (1) To provide additional support via mentorship to refugee children, youth and their families during their settlement experience, and (2) Educate and engage private and public sector organizations and individuals about immigration, settlement and newcomer youth.

INDIVIDUAL MENTORSHIP: Screened, trained and monitored volunteer mentors are matched with 'mentees' and meet for 6 hours each month for a period of 12 months. Mentors aim to:

- provide positive adult role modeling
- act as cultural navigators
- assist youth in the development of English language skills
- help youth develop a positive view of their new community

SITE BASED MENTORSHIP: The foundational goals of Site-Based Mentorship program are the same as the Individual Mentorship program, with the exception that Site-Based programming occurs within a group setting. The program runs on Saturdays, facilitated by both staff and volunteers, who engage with the children and youth through activities and outings around Winnipeg.

OUTREACH: Outreach activities aim to:

- Educate and raise awareness among the general population of Winnipeg regarding the needs and challenges of newcomer youth
- Assist mainstream institutions to better support newcomer children and youth

Individual or group psycho-social support is provided by social workers on an as needed basis

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