

Strong Communities Make Strong Families

& Prevent Entry into the Child Welfare System for Immigrant & Refugee Families

Did You Know That...

- Racialized people are overrepresented in Canadian child welfare systems;
- Newcomer families need education on Canada's parenting laws & traditions;
- Community Organizations can help these families adjust to Canada.

Immigrants and Refugees Families Remain Strong by...

- Connection & activities with family, including cousins, aunts, uncles, etc.;
- Having children & teenagers help out;
- Keeping Cultural ties to their relatives & others who share their ethnic or religious background;
- Creating a supportive network in Canada

Child Welfare Workers Need to...

- Understand & respect that parenting styles may be different in other cultures;
- Help immigrants & refugees learn about parenting in Canada;
- Reduce placement of children into the government system;
- Where needed, favour placing children with extended family or in homes with the same culture;

Other Groups Overrepresented in the Child Welfare System...

- Are the Urban Indigenous & African Nova Scotian communities, who often face similar challenges to immigrants & refugees families here in the HRM;

- Promote foster care within immigrant homes;
- Support immigrant & refugee programs that help keep families together.

- Have common strengths of culture & close family & community ties

Check out over 25 different organizations in the Halifax area for services available to you & your family at strongcommunities.laurentian.ca