



THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SYRIAN NEWCOMERS WORKING GROUPS: STRUCTURE AND MANDATES

1. Housing Working Group

Mandate:

The Housing Working Group is comprised of key housing partners and stakeholders in Hamilton. The group will ensure all aspects of temporary and permanent housing for Syrian newcomers are understood, reviewed and supported. The group will also track and monitor housing trends and data, using information to support evidence-based community engagement and cross-sectoral planning.

2. Health Working Group

Mandate:

The Health Working Group is comprised of key health partners and stakeholders in Hamilton. The group will ensure all aspects of primary, mental, emotional and physical health needs of Syrian newcomers are understood, reviewed and supported. The group will further build far-reaching community collaboration within the health sector, stay abreast of emergency health issues and keep stakeholders informed.

3. Education Working Group

Mandate:

The Education Working Group is comprised of key education partners and stakeholders in Hamilton. The group will ensure all aspects of public and post-secondary educational needs of Syrian newcomers are understood, reviewed and supported. The group will further foster collaboration and information sharing within the education sector, with strategic linkages to the broader sectors supporting the resettlement efforts.

4. Employment, Language & Skills Development Working Group

Mandate:

The Employment, Language & Skills Development Working Group is comprised of key employment agencies and employment-support partners in Hamilton. The group will ensure all aspects of employment, skills, language and training needs of Syrian newcomers are understood, reviewed and supported. The group will utilize available settlement data to support job readiness and prepare Syrian newcomers for job opportunities.

5. Community Support & Networks Working Group

Mandate:

The Community Support & Networks Working Group is comprised of community organizations, groups and individuals that can support social and cultural integration of Syrian newcomers into Hamilton. The group will provide a community voice and mobilize support/resources. The group will champion community events, volunteer drives and assess progress made at community level supporting Syrian newcomers.