



AAISA ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS OVERVIEW

AAISA convenes a range of engagement meetings to strengthen coordination, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing across Alberta's settlement and integration sector. These meetings bring together service provider organizations (SPOs), funders, government partners, and subject-matter leads to exchange updates, discuss emerging issues, and improve service delivery for newcomers.

This overview provides a general summary of each meeting, including its purpose, structure, eligibility, and working language. It is designed to help organizations understand which meetings align with their work and how to participate.

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PROVINCIAL ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE (PEI)

Purpose

The Provincial Engagement Initiative connects newcomer-serving agencies across Alberta through three regional committees: Calgary, Edmonton, and Small Centres. These committees offer a structured forum to elevate local experiences, strengthen provincial awareness, and identify shared challenges across the settlement sector.

Structure

Quarterly regional committee meetings

Eligibility

Participation is application-based. Committee terms end every March, and prospective members may contact events@aaisa.ca at any time to apply

Working Language

English (French interpretation dependent upon available funding)

IRCC ALBERTA SETTLEMENT SECTOR TELECONFERENCE CALL

Purpose

This call strengthens collaboration and communication between Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), the Government of Alberta, Réseau en immigration francophone de l'Alberta (RIFA), and the broader settlement and integration sector.

Structure

Quarterly meetings

Eligibility

Open to all IRCC-funded SPOs in Alberta

Working Language

English with French interpretation provided

IRCC SMALL CENTRE QUARTERLY CALL

Purpose

Designed to keep Small Centre agencies connected, this call supports the exchange of local updates, emerging challenges, and best practices unique to smaller and rural communities.

Structure

Quarterly meetings

Eligibility

Open to all Small Centre IRCC-funded SPOs

Working Language

English

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IRCC RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP) CALL

Purpose

This meeting facilitates coordination on refugee resettlement activities between IRCC, the Government of Alberta, and Alberta RAP Providers. The meetings often include high-level updates and presentations of the RAP Dashboard.

Structure

Quarterly meetings

Eligibility

Open to all designated RAP Providers in Alberta

Working Language

English

RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP) PROVIDERS MONTHLY CALL

Purpose

This meeting provides an ongoing, collaborative space for RAP Providers to coordinate responses, share emerging trends, and stay aligned between quarterly IRCC RAP calls.

Structure

Monthly (except in months when IRCC RAP calls occur)

Eligibility

Open to all designated RAP Providers in Alberta — coordinators, managers, and senior staff

Working Language

English

PROVINCIAL LANGUAGE SECTOR CALL (PLSC)

Purpose

The meeting serves as a collaborative forum that brings together language providers from across Alberta and the Northwest Territories, along with IRCC and the Government of Alberta, to share updates, exchange best practices, discuss emerging issues, and collaboratively strengthen language service delivery across the province.

Structure

Quarterly meetings

Eligibility

Open to all IRCC-funded LINC/CLIC providers and language assessment centres.

Working Language

English

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CALGARY LINC COORDINATORS MEETING

Purpose

This meeting coordinates language services within Calgary by sharing updates, reviewing policies, and discussing intake trends and operational needs.

Structure

Quarterly meetings

Eligibility

Open to all IRCC-funded LINC/CLIC providers and language assessment services in Calgary

Working Language

English

PBLA TEAM LEAD MEETING

Purpose

This meeting provides a space for PBLA (Portfolio-Based Language Assessment) Team Leads to share best practices, discuss challenges, and support one another in delivering consistent and high-quality PBLA implementation across Alberta.

Structure

Semi-annual meetings

Eligibility

Open to all IRCC-funded PBLA Team Leads within LINC/CLIC programs

Working Language

English

TFW (TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKER) TEAM LEAD MEETING

Purpose

This meeting supports enhanced communication and collaboration among TFW (Temporary Foreign Worker) service providers across the Prairies and Northern Territories (PNT). The group examines TFW distribution, identifies emerging policy needs, and helps shape targeted interventions.

Structure

Quarterly meetings

Eligibility

Open to ESDC/CCIS-funded TFW Hub service providers in the PNT region and SPOs supporting Temporary Foreign Workers.

Working Language

English

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RURAL SETTLEMENT NETWORK MEETING

Purpose

This meeting brings together organizations supporting newcomers in Alberta's rural communities (populations under 10,000). These meetings create a collaborative space to share local challenges and successes, discuss rural-specific needs, explore emerging trends, and strengthen relationships across underserved regions.

Structure

Quarterly meetings

Eligibility

Open to service providers supporting newcomers in rural or remote communities

Working Language

English

REFUGEE CLAIMANT SUPPORT NETWORK MEETING

Purpose

This meeting brings together service providers across Alberta who support refugee claimants, providing a space to share challenges, celebrate successes, discuss operational needs, and identify emerging trends, while keeping organizations informed about policy developments and program updates affecting refugee claimants.

Structure

Quarterly meetings

Eligibility

Open to SPOs and community organizations providing supports to refugee claimant populations

Working Language

English

KMB (KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION) SESSIONS

Purpose

These sessions build sector capacity by sharing timely, practical knowledge that strengthens collaboration, learning, and connection across the newcomer-serving sector. They focus on real-time challenges, usable tools, available programs, and the inclusion of both professional and community perspectives.

Structure

Quarterly sessions (with additional sessions as needed)

Participants

Open to frontline workers, organizational leaders, funders, policymakers, community members, and newcomer-serving staff who wish to learn and engage. The sessions also welcome individuals/ organizations interested in presenting to the sector and sharing practical knowledge, tools, programs, research, and emerging insights.



Contact & Participation

If your organization is interested in joining any of these meetings or would like guidance on which groups best align with your work, please contact: events@aaisa.ca

We welcome participation from organizations committed to enhancing settlement and integration services across Alberta.

To learn more about our initiatives and collaborative projects, please feel free to visit this link: <https://aaisa.ca/initiatives-collaborative-projects/>.