

Opening Doors:

Helping Newcomers Successfully
Settle in York Region



RESOURCES FOR NEWCOMERS**

General Information

Organization	Website	Type of Services Offered
Access York	AccessYork	All services
York Region – Newcomer Services Page	York.ca/newcomerservices	York Region Newcomer Guide
Welcome Centre Immigrant Services	https://welcomecentre.ca/services/index.html	All services
211 Ontario	https://211ontario.ca/	Government and community-based health and social services available in York Region

Immigrant, Newcomer & Refugee Services in York Region

Organization	Website	Type of Services Offered
ACCES Employment	https://acesemployment.ca/	Bridging programs for internationally trained professionals
Achēv Language Assessment Centre	www.achev.ca/lasysd	Free language assessment services and class referrals for immigrants seeking language training
Association des francophones de la région de York (AFRY)	https://afry.ca/	Services for French speaking residents and newcomers
Canadian Mental Health Association	https://cmha-yr.on.ca/	Newcomers' mental health and well-being
Carefirst Ontario	https://carefirstontario.ca/	Health services for newcomers
Catholic Community Services of York Region	https://www.ccsyr.org/	Settlement services for newcomers
Centre for Immigrant and Community Services	https://cicscanada.com/en/	Services for newcomers, children, youth, women, adults and seniors
Chapel Place Presbyterian Church	https://cppc.ca/	Presbyterian church for Arabic speaking immigrants and families
Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir	https://www.cscmonavenir.ca/	Roman Catholic French school board
Conseil scolaire Viamonde	https://csviamonde.ca/	French elementary and secondary public school board
COSTI	http://www.costi.org/index.php	Language and settlement services
Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women	https://ehcw.ca/	Services for newcomer women

Family Services of York Region	https://www.fsyrc.ca/	Community cultural support and counselling
Human Endeavour	https://humanendeavour.org/	Programs for seniors
Jewish Family and Child Service	https://www.jfandcs.com/	Counselling services for individuals and groups
Jewish Immigrant Aid Services Toronto	https://jiastoronto.org/	Settlement, language and community programs and services for newcomers
Jewish Russian Community Centre of Ontario	https://www.jrcc.org/	Community services
Job Skills	https://www.jobskills.org/about-us/contact-us/	Employment programs for newcomers
JVS Toronto	https://www.jvstoronto.org/	Support for job seekers in York Region
Next Steps	https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Adult-Learners/Employment-Services/Next-Steps-Employment-Centres	Employment Centre
Parya Trillium Foundation	https://parya.org/	Services for Farsi speaking newcomers
RN Employment Services	www.rehabnetwork.ca	Vocational rehabilitation and employment services
Refugee Women's Network	https://refugeewomensnetwork.org/	Wrap-around supports & programs for refugee women in York Region
SEAS Centre	https://seascentre.org/01/	Serving South-East Asian communities
Seneca College	https://students.senecacollege.ca/programs-for-newcomers-to-canada	Programs for Newcomers
Social Enterprise for Canada	https://secouncil.ca/	Information services for French and English accreditation and qualifications
Thornhill Employment Hub	www.thornhillhub.com	Employment programs for newcomers
Vaughan Community Health Centre	http://www.vaughanchc.com/	Health services for newcomers
VPI Inc	www.vpi-inc.com	Employment supports
Windmill Microlending	https://windmillmicrolending.org/	Low-interest loans for newcomers interested in education training or accreditation
Women's Centre of York Region	https://www.wcyrc.ca/	Life skills programs for women in York Region in multiple languages
Workforce Planning Board of York Region	https://www.wpboard.ca/work-in-york/ https://www.wpboard.ca/employmentontario	Labour market resources to support employers and job seekers including the Work in York job tool and a map of employment services in York Region.
York Support Services Network	https://yssn.ca/	Community crisis services on mental illness and development disability
YMCA of Greater Toronto	https://ymcagta.org/	Services for youth, newcomers and immigrants
York Region Arts Council	https://www.yorkregionartscouncil.com/	Arts and Culture in York Region
York Region Catholic School Board	https://www.ycdsb.ca/newcomer-reception-centre	Newcomer Reception Centre
York Region District School Board	https://www2.yrdsb.ca/information-newcomers	General Information for Newcomers

York University	https://www.yorku.ca/laps/iep/	Bridging programs for internationally Educated Professionals
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Other Services for Newcomers

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Aurora Public Library	https://www.library.aurora.on.ca/	Family literacy and learning resources throughout Aurora
BOOSTAN Multicultural Collective	https://boostanarts.wordpress.com/	Farsi-speaking art collective for newcomer children
Canadian Mental Health Association: Newcomer Health and Well-being	https://cmha-yr.on.ca/get-support/newcomers-health-and-well-being-12/	Free mental health services for newcomers to Canada
Chinese Mental Health Initiative of York Region	http://www.cmhiyr.ca/	Language-specific programs and services
Community Family Services of Ontario	https://cfso.care/	Social services agency focused on assisting Chinese-Canadians. Provides language-specific programs
Community Legal Clinic of York Region	https://clcyr.on.ca/	Legal clinic for low-income York Region residents
Community Living York South	https://www.communitylivingyorksouth.ca/	Support services for children with disabilities in York Region
Credit Counselling Society	https://nomoredebts.org/	Free debt counselling and financial workshops
East Gwillimbury Public Library	https://www.egpl.ca/	Family literacy and learning resources throughout East Gwillimbury
Gay York Region	http://www.gayyorkregion.com/	Provides information for local LGBT services and resources in York Region
Georgina Public Library	https://www.georginalibrary.ca/	Family literacy and learning resources throughout Georgina
The Housing Help Centre	https://www.shhc.ca/	Helps find affordable housing solutions in the GTA
King Township Public Library	https://www.kinglibrary.ca/	Family literacy and learning resources throughout King Township
Learning Disabilities Association of York Region	https://ldayr.org/	Provides advocacy, research, education and services for individuals with learning disabilities
Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association	https://macca1987.com/	Education, wellness, youth support, and cultural programs
Markham Public Library	www.markhampubliclibrary.ca	Family literacy and learning resources throughout Markham
Newmarket Public Library	https://www.newmarketpl.ca/en/index.aspx	Family literacy and learning resources throughout Newmarket
Pflag Canada - York Region	https://pflagyork.ca/	Support for LGBTQ2+ communities
Richmond Hill Public Library	https://www.rhpl.ca/	Family literacy and learning resources throughout Richmond Hill
South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario	https://salc.on.ca/	Free legal services for low-income individuals of the South Asian community

Taiwanese Canadian Community Service Association	https://tccsa-toronto.ca/	Services for newcomers
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority: Newcomer Youth Green Economy Project	https://trca.ca/get-involved/newcomer-youth-green-economy-project/	Free workshop for newcomer youth to get them green sector employment-ready
Vaughan Public Library	https://www.vaughanpl.info/	Family literacy and learning resources throughout Vaughan
Whitchurch - Stouffville Public Library	https://www.wsplibrary.ca/	Family literacy and learning resources throughout Whitchurch-Stouffville
Yellow Brick House	https://www.yellowbrickhouse.org/	Women's shelter, also offering community educational programs
York Works	http://www.yorkworks.ca/	Services for the underemployed
Youth Assisting Youth	https://youthassistingyouth.com/	Pairs young adult mentors with newcomer youth for peer mentorship

**This is not a complete list of all programs and services available to families and individuals in York Region. To find additional programs and services that may meet your needs, check out the York Region Finder Tool at yorkmaps.ca. You can also visit the websites for York Region's local municipalities at <https://www.tinyurl.com/localmunicipalities>.

