

# Community Supports for Families Who Have Recently Immigrated to Fort Saskatchewan

<https://www.eics.ab.ca/parents-and-students/new-to-the-district>



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**[Fort Saskatchewan Settlement Services](#)** (click on link for more information)

**Location:** Fort Saskatchewan Public Library, 10011-102 St Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 2C5

**Contact Information:** Riza Coo Tuiza (Settlement Practitioner) - (780) 392-2935

**Supports:** Settlement services are available on Fridays from 10:00 to 4:30. The Library offers resources, classes and partnerships with community services to support new immigrants and English-language learners.

Information & Orientation on:

- Life in Canada
- Improving English/French
- Employment/Job Search
- Education/Training
- Housing
- Transportation
- Money and Finances
- Health/Health Insurance
- Community Connections

Referral Services:

- Community/social services
- ESL/Language Classes
- Recreation Services
- Immigration issues
- Citizenship classes
- Government Programs
- Interpretation/Translation
- Legal Services

**[Families First Society](#)** (click on link for more information)

**Location:** Fort Saskatchewan Public Library, 10011-102 St Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 2C5

**Contact Information:** Aylisa - (780) 998-5595 ext.221

**Supports:** Drop in to the library Tuesdays from 10am-12pm to see Aylisa from Fort Saskatchewan Families First Society. Aylisa provides personalized support, system navigation, and encouragement to help you reach your goals.

Assistance with:

- Accessing the food bank
- Applying for Employment Insurance
- Finding and filling out forms
- Accessing other community resources

**[Multicultural Association](#)** (click on link for more information)

**Contact Information:** Lana Santana (780) - 916-9862

**Supports:** The Fort Saskatchewan multicultural Association is a non-profit organization that's committed to celebrating our multicultural community and its diversity. Through this Association we intend to:

- Create a sense of belonging and respect for all cultures.
- Assist in resettling for newcomers
- Library facility as well as toys and games centre for the children
- Community kitchen
- Immigrants to become aware of employment awareness and the work culture/ethic in Canada.

[Community Adult Learning & Literacy Society](#) (click on link for more information)

**Location:** Fort Saskatchewan Public Library, 10011-102 St Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 2C5

**Contact Information:** (780) 992-6281 or [fs@whatdidyoulearntoday.ca](mailto:fs@whatdidyoulearntoday.ca)

**Supports:**

- We match adults who wish to improve their English skills with volunteer tutors.
- English Conversation Circles is a free program serves learners who are permanent residents or Citizens of Canada residing in Alberta.
- English classes are for adults 18+ if abt citizenship and any English level. The cost is \$10 (free if not affordable).



Check out activities in the Fort Saskatchewan [Community Activities book](#). Programs/activities are for all ages and stages.

## Edmonton and Area Supports

### Catholic Social Services

**Location:** 8212 – 118 Avenue, Edmonton, T5B 0S3

**Phone:** (780) 424-3545

**Supports:** We offer support for the settlement of immigrants and refugees as well as provide counselling that strengthens individuals and families, helps recovering addicts and supports women facing crisis pregnancies.

- [Learn about health, social, and community services](#)
- [Prepare for your children's success in school](#)
- [Understand forms and applications](#)
- [Learn how to sponsor a family member](#)
- [Assess your English language level](#)
- [Find the right English school or program](#)
- [Practice your English](#)
- [Plan your education and career path](#)

- [Find a job](#)
- [Volunteer](#)
- [Connect with your cultural or faith community](#)
- [Learn about Canadian culture](#)
- [Prepare for the Canadian Citizenship test](#)
- [Learn about parenting in Canada](#)
- [Manage your personal and family challenges](#)

*\*click on the links for more information*

## Edmonton Immigrant Services Association (EISA)

**Location:** Suite #201, 10720-113 street, Edmonton, T5H 3H8

**Phone:** (780) 477-0883

**Support:** EISA exists in order to provide programs and direct services relating to Integration, Settlement, Adaptation and Education for new immigrants, refugees and first generation Canadians in Edmonton and surrounding areas regardless of age, gender, religion, nationality or ethnic origin to assist them make a smooth transition into Canadian life.

- Information and orientation
- Support Services - translation, interpretation and commissioner for oaths services
- Youth settlement services
- English as Additional Language Class

## [Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers](#) ((click on link for more information))

**Location:** Suite #201, 10720-113 street, Edmonton, T5H 3H8

**Phone:** (780) 462-6924

**Support:** - This immigrant settlement agency focuses on the successful and integrative settlement of newcomers to Edmonton. There are resources for employment, language instruction and parenting.

- Employment Services
- English Language Class
- Settlement Services
- Connecting to the Community

## Multicultural Mental Health Resource Centre

**Website:** <http://www.multiculturalmentalhealth.ca/services/>

**Support:**

The Multicultural Mental Health Resource Centre (MMHRC) seeks to improve the quality and availability of mental health services for people from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, including immigrants, refugees, and members of established ethnocultural communities. Addressing issues of language, culture, religion and other aspects of cultural diversity can promote greater equity in mental health care.

- Booklet: [Growing Up in a New Land: A Guide for Newcomer Parents](#)

# Useful Links

## Youth Services

- **Boys and Girls Club of Fort Saskatchewan** provides a variety of program for youth.
  - Location: 10090 - 93 Avenue
  - Phone: 780-992-0103
  - Website: [Boys & Girls Club of Canada](#)
    - Computer Lab with internet access, after school activities, bus pick up & drop off services, Junior Leadership Program, Rainbows Program, evening drop-in & group clubs, drop-in sports night, and youth & family counseling.
- **C.H.I.P.S Children's Indoor Playground Society**
  - Open September to May. First visit is FREE!
  - Monday - Friday
  - Time: 9 am - 12:30 pm (Noon)
  - Location: 10215 - 104 St (Scout/Guide Hall on River Rd)

## Community supports


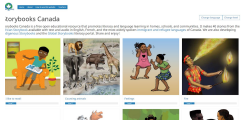


- **Affordable housing and services**
  - [Housing Market and Options](#)
  - [Utility Services Providers](#)
  - [Foodbank](#)
- **Job search supports**
  - [Careers Under Construction](#) is a full career and employment resource centre, helping people find work in Fort Saskatchewan and surrounding area.  
Address: #162, 10404 – 94 Ave. Phone: 780-992-0250
  - [Career events in the region](#): Upcoming career and job fairs across the province.
  - [Federal Employment Insurance](#)
- **New residents**
  - [Moving to Fort Saskatchewan](#): Information for new residents.
  - [Welcome Wagon](#): If you are new to the neighbourhood and looking for assistance in finding your way around town, Welcome Wagon is there to help with all the civic information you may need to familiarize yourself and your family with the local community

## Government



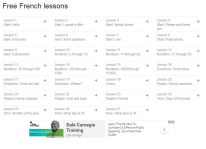
- Mayor: [Gale Katchur](#), MLA: [Jessica Littlewood](#), MP: [Garnett Genuis](#)
- [Alberta Works](#) 🇨🇦 - Assistance with unemployment and finding jobs, finding skilled workers and helping Albertans with low incomes cover their basic costs of living.
- [Association of Alberta Registry Agents](#) 🇨🇦 - Information about Alberta registry agents, including office hours, office locations and their available registry services (Road Tests, Commissioner for Oaths, Corporate Registries, etc). Search by registry name, city or postal code Includes distance calculator.
- [Government of Alberta - My Alberta Supports](#) 🇨🇦 - This tool helps you determine whether you are eligible for various assistance services related to childcare, employment, disabilities, and more.

## ESL Links

For students in kindergarten up to grade 6

<p><a href="http://www.uniteforliteracy.com">http://www.uniteforliteracy.com</a> Dual Language book collection written in English and the audio is in English and 40 other languages.</p>	
<p><a href="https://globalstorybooks.net/">https://globalstorybooks.net/</a> Dual language book collection written in English and 18 other languages.</p>	
<p><a href="https://www.duolingo.com/">https://www.duolingo.com/</a> This online English program is designed to help children learn a second language. The program can be accessed through the website or on an app.</p>	
<p><a href="http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en">http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en</a> Website to help kids build English language skills through games, songs, stories, and activities.</p>	

For students in grade 7 up to 12

<p><a href="http://www.learningchocolate.com/">http://www.learningchocolate.com/</a> This interactive website has a wide range of interactives that students can use to practice their English language skills.</p>	
<p><a href="http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/">http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/</a> Website to help teens improve their English with reading, writing and listening practice, tips for exams, grammar and vocabulary exercises, games and videos.</p>	
<p><a href="https://www.lingohut.com/en/esl/">https://www.lingohut.com/en/esl/</a> This website has over 100+ lessons to help you learn to communicate in English. Every lesson includes a variety of games, pronunciation tools, flash cards, and listening activities. Lessons are available to take any time of day online.</p>	
<p><a href="https://www.englishgrammar101.com/">https://www.englishgrammar101.com/</a> This site is focused on English language and improve writing with online grammar lessons. Select from any of the modules to start an engaging and easy-to-follow exercise.</p>	