

Program Liaison Francophone



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The Multicultural Association of Fredericton Inc. (MCAF) settlement staff ensure newcomer students and parents are aware of their **right to choose** the francophone or anglophone education systems in New Brunswick.

The MCAF **Program Liaison Francophone** (PLF) program offers settlement services to newcomer francophone and allophone families who choose to integrate into the francophone community and school system.

Goals of the PLF Program

- Provide supports to newcomers and facilitate their successful settlement, integration and participation in francophone schools, culture and community
- Provide culturally sensitive and inclusive services to newcomer students, their families, school staff and community partners
- Support on-going development and maintenance of French language skills (francization) and promote the Fredericton's minority francophone community population growth through immigration
- Collaborate with community partners to promote diversity and inclusion in the francophone schools and community

How can PLF staff support children before they start school?

PLF connects newcomer parents of young children to francophone community services, activities and educational opportunities to facilitate their participation in the francophone community and francization.



What do PLF staff do in francophone schools?

PHASE 1 Orientation

- Support newcomer students with school registration
- School tours and orientation with students and families
- Provide an overview of the school and francophone community's extra-curricular programs
- Conduct a needs assessment for each student and family



PHASE 2 After Enrollment

- Collaborate with school staff and community partners to ensure that the needs of newcomer students and families are identified, met and supported
- Follow up with students regularly in their new school to support their settlement and integration process
- Facilitate information sessions for students and parents in French and in newcomers' first languages
- Provide homework support and French conversation circles
- Facilitate enrollment of newcomer children and youth in local Francophone summer camps and offer ongoing support to children, families and program staff.

Adult Settlement Services and Support

Using a case management model, the PLF team provides supports and services to newcomer individuals and families settling and integrating in the francophone community.

Information and orientation sessions are delivered in French and in newcomers' first languages addressing:

- life in Canada, parenting programs, mental health and well-being
- health care, government and educational services, etc.

PLF provides supports to facilitate newcomers' access to resources, services and activities in francophone schools and community through:

- Cultural and linguistic interpretation
- Translation
- Transportation



Settlement Programs

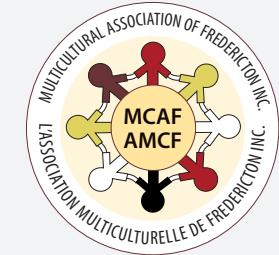
PLF connects newcomer families with MCAF settlement programs such as:

- Language classes in both of New Brunswick's official languages
- Child care
- Cultural brokers
- Support groups (women, men, youth, parenting etc.)
- Employment and training services
- Training and workshops



Community Collaboration

The PLF team collaborates with newcomer students, parents, Francophone schools, organizations and partners to facilitate the successful settlement and integration of newcomers in francophone schools, culture and community.



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