

Programs for Newcomer Children



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The **Multicultural Association of Fredericton Inc.** (MCAF) offers many welcoming **Programs for Newcomer Children** up to age 12 including:

■ Care for Newcomer Children (CNC)

Eligible newcomers can receive care for their children aged 6 months to 5 years while attending language classes. Program activities and materials support the development of language and social skills in an enriched environment.

■ Education Programs

In New Brunswick, newcomer students and parents have the right to choose between the francophone or anglophone education system.

The anglophone district administers English schools and French immersion. **Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS)** connect children and families to services and resources in these schools and in the community to promote settlement and foster student success.

In the Francophone school district, MCAF's **Francophone Liaison Program (FLP)** workers support the settlement needs of children and families entering Francophone schools and the community.

SWIS and FLP Workers help connect newcomer children and youth to accessible:

- Homework Clubs
- Tutors
- After School Programs
- Summer Camps etc.



MCAF's **After-School Program** provides enriching social, recreational and educational activities Monday to Friday afternoons for children (ages 5-12) throughout the school year.

Group Programs

Children ages 5 to 12 years can join MCAF group programs. Children will make new friends, learn more about their community, and enhance their leadership skills.

■ Sports

The **Newcomer Participation in Sports Program** partners with community sports groups to provide opportunities for children to be active, learn new skills and have fun in many sports including soccer, skating, cross country skiing, swimming, tennis etc..

■ Art, Music, Dance and Theatre

Children of every skill level can join a wide variety of classes led by local artists, musicians and performers. The **Engaging in the Arts**



program provides theatre, poetry, guitar and piano classes, dance, and photography classes for newcomer children.

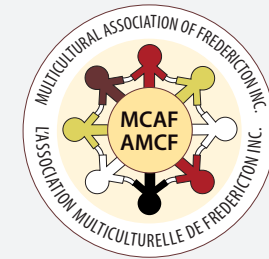
■ Summer Camps

Since 1994, MCAF **Rainbow of Cultures Summer Camps** have provided children age 5 – 12 from diverse cultural backgrounds, including newcomers, longer settled and Canadian born children, with enriching experiences to discover and to celebrate our similarities and differences.

During the up to 6 weeks of ROC summer camps, children make cross-cultural friendships, engage with other cultures and gain an understanding of diversity while participating in music, art, games, and sports.

■ Our Goal

To engage children in programs and activities that promote their integration and participation in their new community.



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