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Charting our Progress through Complexity:

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VISION | MANDATE | IMPACTS

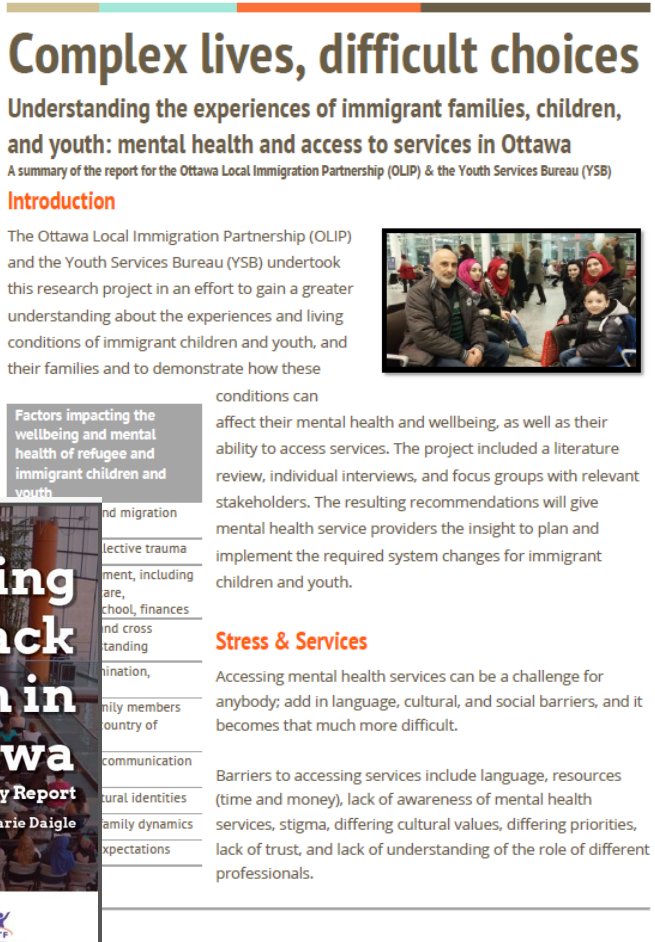
VISION: **working together across jurisdictions** to build a more **prosperous, vibrant,** and **inclusive** national capital, strengthened by the contribution of immigrants

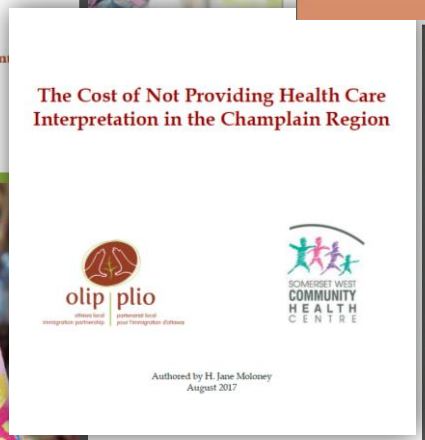
MANDATE	IMPACTS
Multi-sectoral partnership development	Improved economic integration
Planning together: common vision, shared priorities, & joint actions Convening partners & building mechanisms for collaboration	Improved access to an enhanced & coordinated system of settlement, health, education, and social services
Shared knowledge & awareness	Improved participation in community life and civic leadership

SCOPE/SECTORS: Settlement, Health & Wellbeing, Education, Language, Economic Integration, Socio-civic Integration

Shared Knowledge Necessary for Collaborative Leadership & Action

Understanding Intersectionalities & Addressing Vulnerabilities



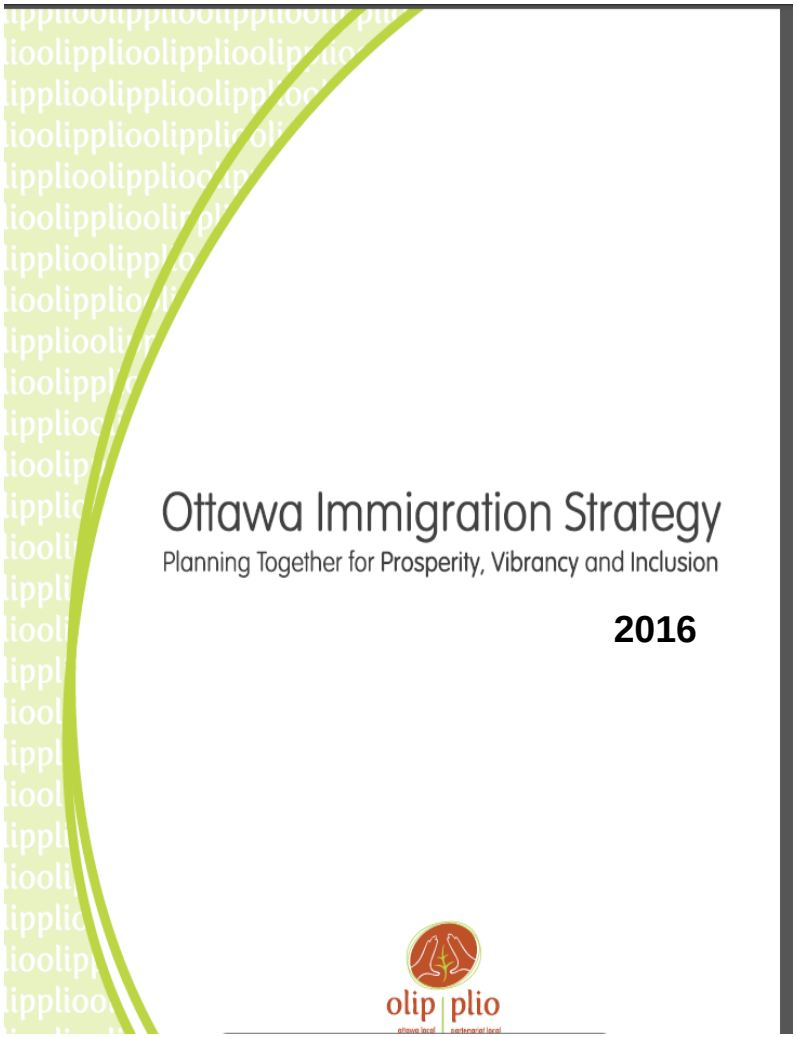


Changing Context …. Refreshed Priorities

- Through extensive consultations and research, we refreshed the Ottawa Immigration Strategy in 2016

- Through this process, partners largely reaffirmed shared priorities, initially set in 2010. New emphasis and new areas of focus emerged

- On-going listening and flexibility to adjust



Synergies & Mutual Benefits: Partners' Alignments to OIS Proven to be the Fastest Route to Progress

Towards a continuum of well connected strategic organizational priorities and plans

- City of Ottawa
- Champlain LHIN
- Local Agencies Serving Immigrants (LASI)
- Community Health Centres
- Local Employment Planning Council (LEPC)

Alignment with OIS

- ✓ Definition of partners' mandate in relation to immigrants' settlement and integration
- ✓ Analysis of how partners' mandates contribute to Ottawa's success in the OIS goals
- ✓ Development of strategic goals and plans for individual organizations or groups of organizations

Highlights of New Collaborative Actions

Economic Integration

- Joint action plans with LEPC in support of immigrants' employment, including cross sectoral collaborations on immigrant employment; and a collaborative action pilot on employment data with City of Ottawa, LEPC, HIO, and CoC

Health & Wellbeing

- Development of protocols to facilitate collaborations on immigrant children and youth's access to mental health, with leadership by YSB and OCISO
- Non-urgent transportation to reduce immigrant seniors' isolation, with funding from the LHIN, implemented by the Champlain Community Support Network
- Expansion of Ottawa Newcomer Health Clinic to serve all refugees, including children

Education

- Equity in Education Collective Impact, collaboratively led by PQ, OLIP, & the Ottawa Children & Youth Initiative
- Kiosks at the airport to welcome international students, organized collaboratively by the City of Ottawa and post secondary institutions

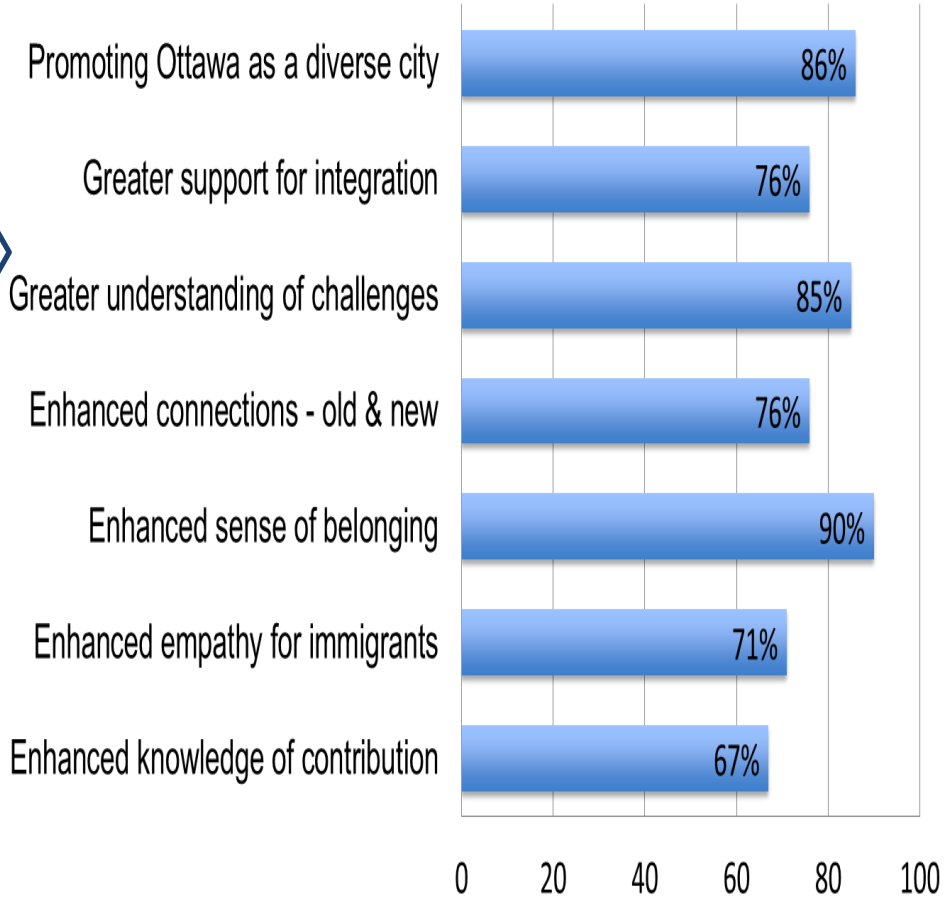
Long view & Collective Impact

Pursuing collective impact for two OIS Priorities, in **Education & Socio-Civic Integration**

1. ***Equity in Education*** to improve high school graduation rates for students living in low income neighborhoods

2. ***Equity Ottawa*** – Helps build the internal capacity of service organizations to be equitable and inclusive

WOW & Its Impacts



OLIP is US… It takes all of us!

- Strong momentum of growth, a new depth of action, & many, many community successes
- It took all of us to pursue our shared goals. Partners contributed **9,480 hours** in two years! Pooled financial resources to achieve shared goals & mobilized new resources
- But, beyond the tangible progress, OLIP is a vehicle for connected & collaborative leadership – an important currency for today's challenging socio-political environment.
- Our pledge is to nurture our connection and strive for its development.

Thank you!

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