

Characteristics of a Welcoming Community

Research conducted by Pathways to Prosperity (P2P) has identified 19 characteristics of a welcoming community as outlined below:

1. Access to Affordable, Adequate, and Suitable Housing
2. Employment and Entrepreneurship Opportunities
3. Access to Suitable Health Care, Including Mental Health Care
4. Positive Attitudes Toward Immigrants of All Racial, Cultural, and Religious Backgrounds
5. Access to Immigrant-Serving Agencies that Meet Immigrants' Needs
6. Access to Transportation
7. Educational Opportunities
8. Ongoing Commitment to Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression
9. Access to Services and Supports for French-Speaking Immigrants by French Speakers
10. Immigrant-Responsive Municipal Features and Services
11. Coordination and Collaboration Among Community Organizations and Different Levels of Government Working Toward Welcoming Communities
12. Equitable Neighbourhoods
13. Opportunities to Form and Join Social and Community Networks
14. Immigrant-Responsive Police Services and Justice System
15. Access to Inclusive Public Spaces, Facilities, and Programs
16. Positive Indigenous-Immigrant Relations and Understanding
17. Access to Diverse Religious and Ethnocultural Organizations
18. Civic and Political Participation Opportunities
19. Equitable Media Coverage, Representation, and Content