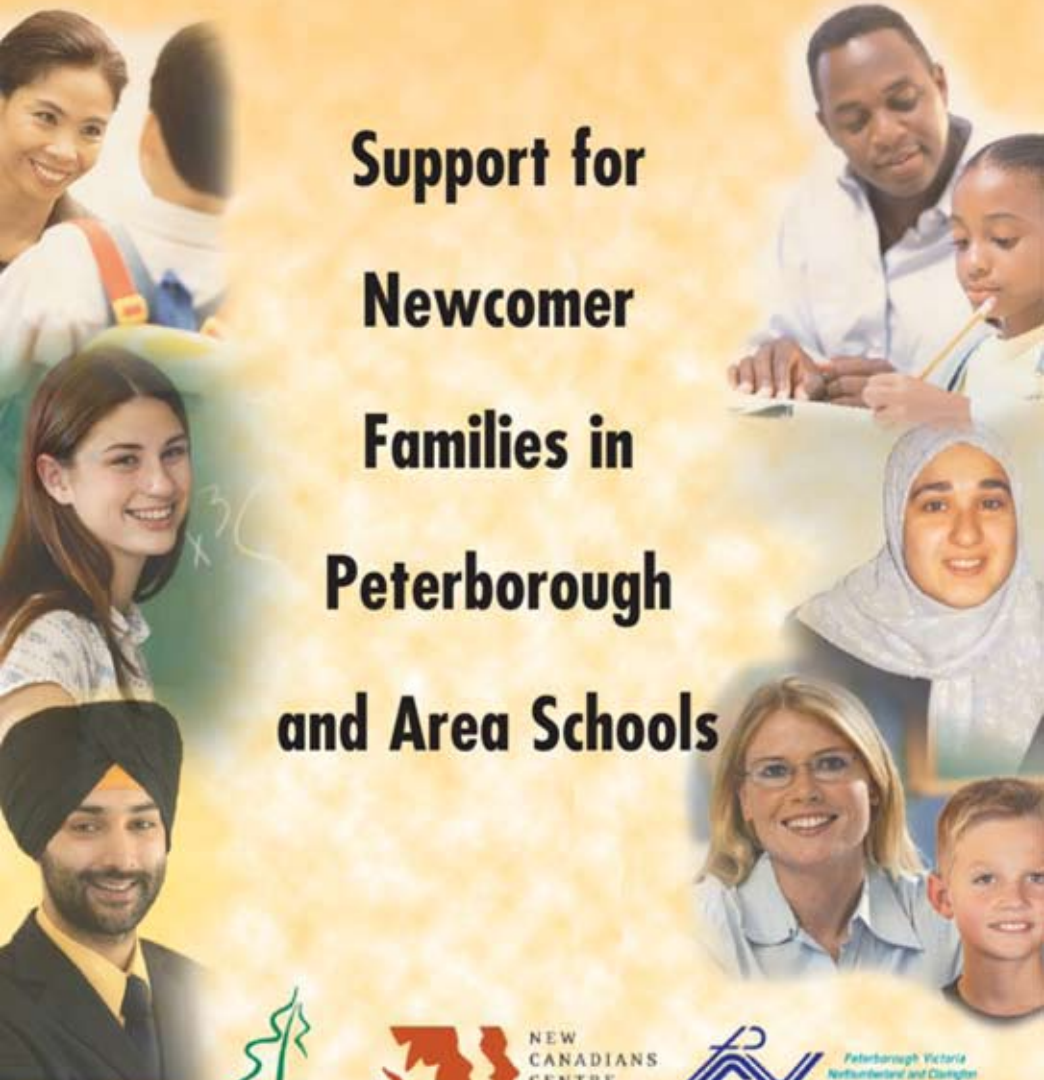


# New to Canada?



SWIS Peterborough & Area

## Support for Newcomer Families in Peterborough and Area Schools



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## **We envision an equitable and inclusive education system in Ontario in which:**

- All students, parents, and other members of the school community are welcomed and respected;
- Every student is supported and inspired to succeed in a culture of high expectations for learning.

*Equity and Inclusive Education in Ontario Schools 2009*

Ontario schools have some of the most multilingual student populations in the world. Newcomers in Peterborough and area may need help and support to adjust to a new school system and community.

**SWIS (Settlement Workers in Schools)** is a school based outreach program. The New Canadians Centre Peterborough sends settlement workers to elementary and secondary schools that have newcomer students.

### **Information About School and Community Services**

In cooperation with schools, settlement workers connect the families to resources in the school and community, to assist with establishing their new lives in Canada and engaging in their children's education.

### **SWIS Will Provide Information on Many Topics:**

- Schools and Education
- Community Resources, Libraries, Recreation
- Immigration
- Language Training
- Health Services
- Family Support
- Transportation
- Housing
- Employment

### **A Resource for Schools**

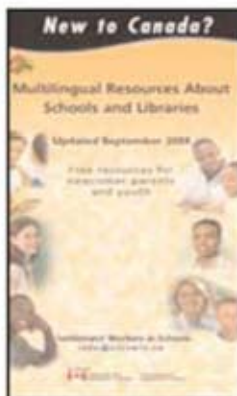
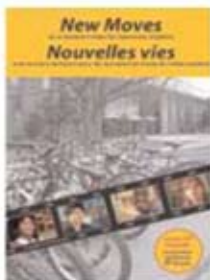
Settlement workers enhance the schools' capacity to welcome newcomers and encourage parental involvement in schools and community. SWIS will assist schools to organize information and orientation sessions for parents and youth.

**SWIS** can help school personnel connect with newcomer parents and youth. They can provide schools with valuable information about newcomer communities and issues.

The school system can be very different for many newcomers. **SWIS** can support the school with multilingual videos, guides, posters and tip sheets ([www.SWISOntario.ca/resources](http://www.SWISOntario.ca/resources)).



# Free Multilingual Resources about Schools for Newcomers to Canada



To get copies of these resources or to get support for a newcomer family or youth, speak to the settlement worker at your school.

**SWIS** programs are also available in Durham, Hamilton, London, Niagara, Ottawa, Peel, Toronto, Waterloo, Windsor, and York Regions.

**SWIS Peterborough and Area** is a partnership of:

- New Canadians Centre Peterborough
- Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board
- Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board

**SWIS** is funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

**Helpful websites include:**

- New Canadians Centre: [www.nccpeterborough.ca](http://www.nccpeterborough.ca)
- SWIS Ontario: [www.swisontario.ca](http://www.swisontario.ca)
- Settlement.Org: [www.settlement.org](http://www.settlement.org)
- Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board: [www.kprschoools.ca](http://www.kprschoools.ca)
- Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board: [www.pvnccdsb.on.ca](http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca)
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada: [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca)
- Service Canada: [www.servicecanada.ca](http://www.servicecanada.ca)
- Service Ontario: [www.serviceontario.ca](http://www.serviceontario.ca)
- OCASI: [www.inmylanguage.org](http://www.inmylanguage.org) and [www.newyouth.ca](http://www.newyouth.ca)

**SWIS workers are available in a school near you. Call to book an appointment or speak to your school staff for referral.**

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