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London and Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership – Research Needs and Potential Partnerships

Presentation Overview

- About the London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership (LMLIP)
- Community Immigrant Strategic Plan
- Next Steps
- Getting Involved – Research Opportunities

ABOUT THE LMLIP

Background

- The LMLIP is funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC)
- It is co-chaired by the City of London and the United Way of London & Middlesex

LMLIP Goals: System Outcomes

- Improved access to services
- Coordinated provision of services
- Improved labor market outcomes
- Strengthened strategic capacity of municipality on immigration issues
- Increased community capacity to respond to emerging needs
- Increased community awareness of immigrant integration needs

Key Phase One Activities

- Developed a Community Capacity & Needs Inventory- in partnership with the Welcoming Communities Initiative (WCI)
- Established the London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Council
- Developed the Community Immigrant Strategic Plan
- *All done through a consultative process that included 3 community consultations and over 50 Sub-Council & Council meetings*

Partnership with WCI

- Bridge between community and research
- Brings credibility to work of LMLIP Council

History:

- In 2005, London established the Welcoming Cultural Diversity (WCD) Committee which was co-led by City of London and United Way of London & Middlesex
- WCI, as a member of WCD, sought input for the CURA proposal
- The LMLIP came about as a result of this committee
- WCI representative on LMLIP Advisory Committee

Partnership with WCI

1. Research

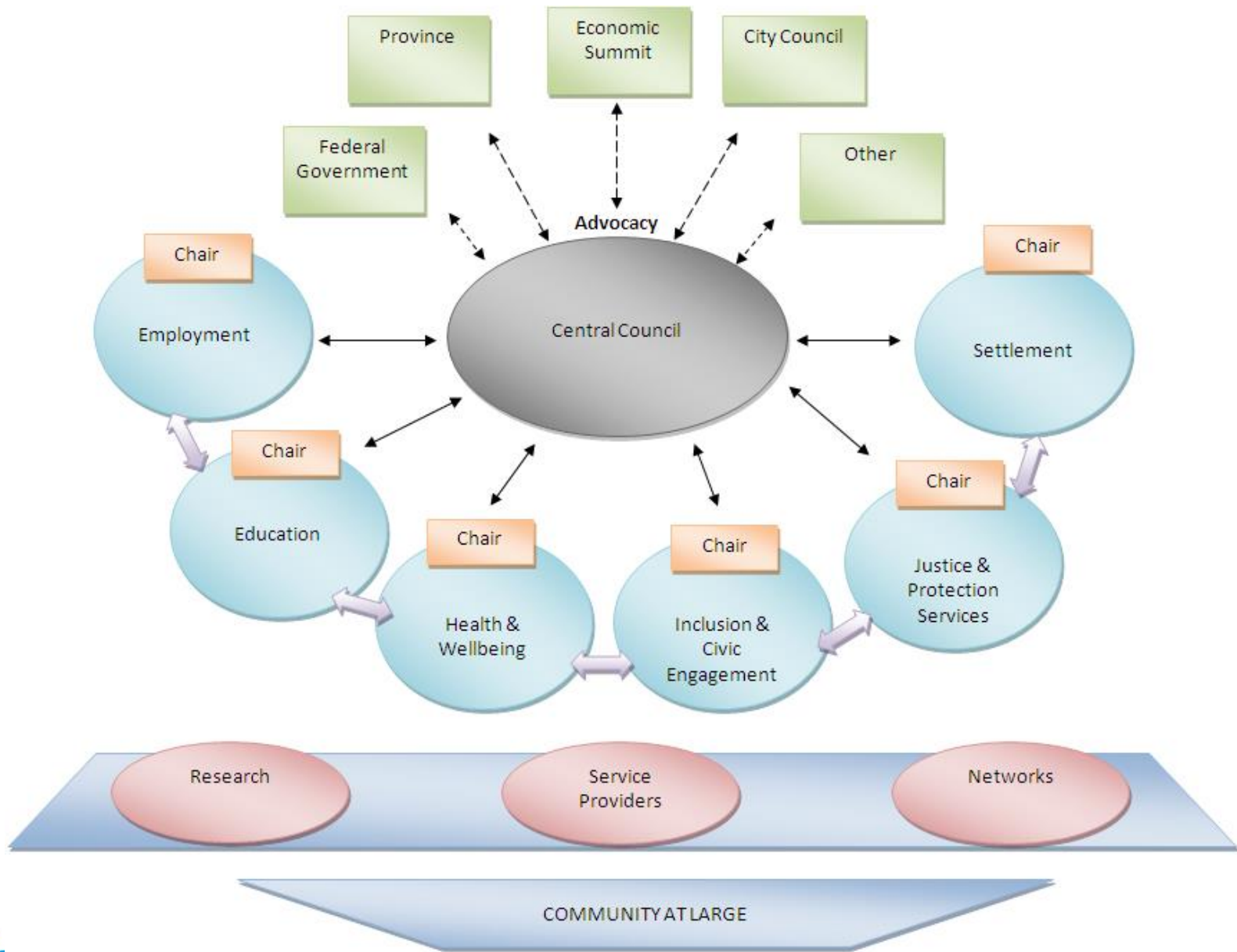
- Questionnaire
- Directory and Map: Snap shot of community

2. Central Council

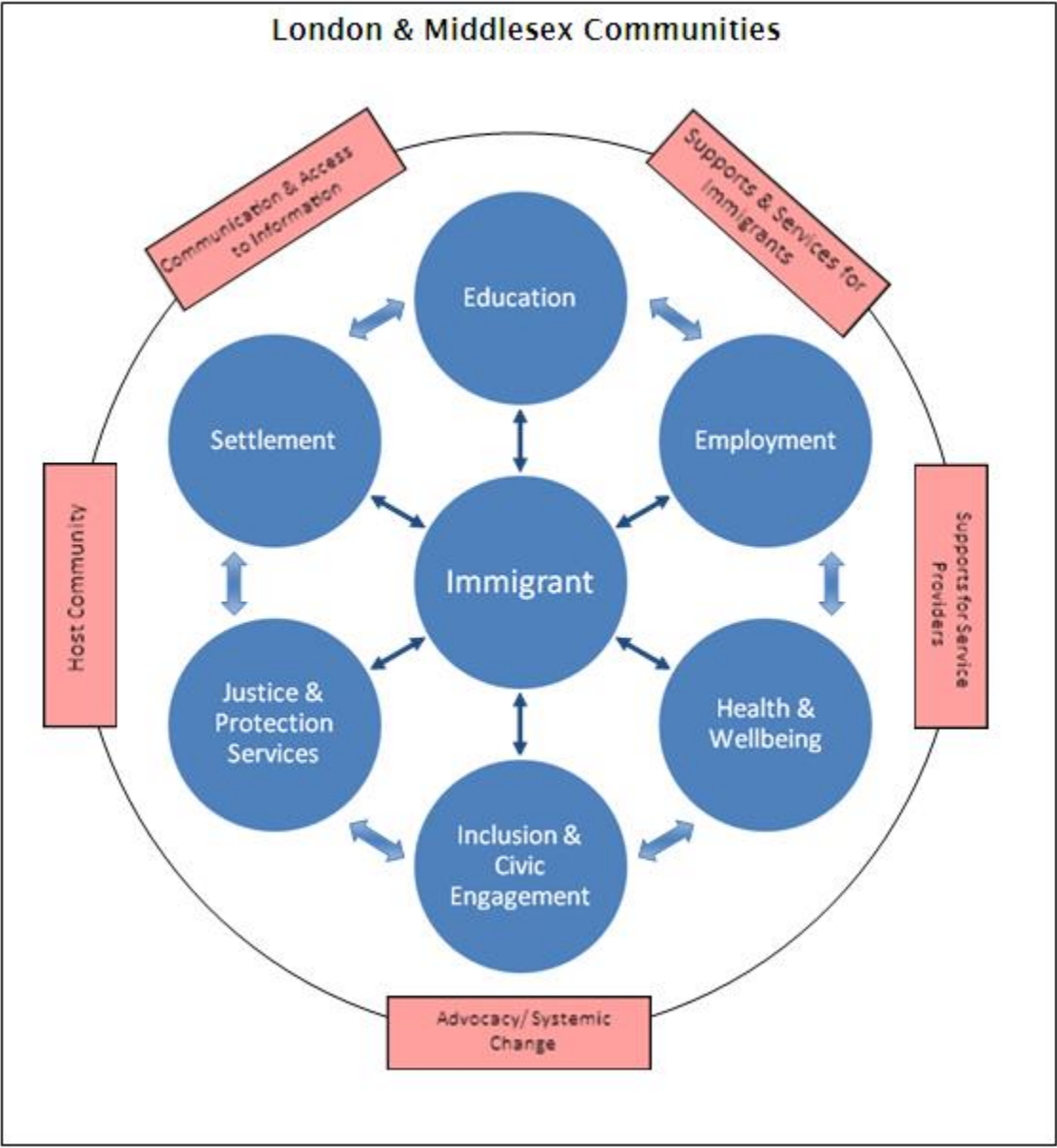
3. Welcoming Communities Initiative Local Advisory Committee

London and Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Council

- Advisory Committee
- LMLIP Guiding Principles
- LMLIP Council Structure
 - Central Council
 - Six Sub-councils



LMLIP
COMMUNITY IMMIGRANT
STRATEGIC PLAN



Overarching Themes

- Supports and Services for Immigrants
- Communication and Access to Information
- Host Community
- Supports for Service Providers
- Advocacy/Systemic Change

Supports and Services for Immigrants

- Immigrants have increased access to supports and services to ensure that they can successfully participate in all aspects of the community

Communication and Access to Information

- Immigrants have increased access to information about available services, cultural expectations and on how to successfully use the system in the community

Host Community

- London and Middlesex residents are exposed to, educated and engaged in understanding and accepting diverse traditions, behaviours and experiences of all the cultures that make up the community

Supports for Service Providers

- Service providers and volunteers have increased access to sustainable funding, information on supports to collaboration, diversity training and resources to ensure timely, effective and responsive services for immigrants

Advocacy/ Systemic Change

- Reduction of systemic barriers (i.e. local, provincial, federal and host community) that impede immigrants' ability to successfully engage in the community

Areas of Focus

- Education
- Employment
- Health and Wellbeing
- Inclusion and Civic Engagement
- Justice and Protection Services
- Settlement

Education

- Immigrant learners at all levels (English as a Second language, Language Instruction for New Canadians, elementary, secondary and post-secondary) have access to timely and appropriate programs and services

Employment

- Immigrants have timely access to a wide range of employment-related supports, including mentorship, bridging, job search programs, credential assessment, employment and employment supports



Health and Wellbeing

- Immigrant health and well-being is supported through a range of programming including mental health, impact of trauma/war, access to services, recreation, nutrition and life skills

Inclusion and Civic Engagement

- Social, parental, child and cultural supports are available to ensure that all immigrants are included and engaged in our community.

Justice and Protection Services

- Immigrants understand the Canadian justice system and have access to information and supports related to preventative services such as, criminal justice, child welfare, and other services.

Settlement

- Immigrants' settlement experiences are positive and welcoming, through the availability of interpretation services, housing, transitional services, information and referrals

Next Steps

- Ongoing community engagement to successfully implement the Plan
- LMLIP Council to provide strategic oversight
- LMLIP Sub-Councils to lead implementation
- Continue partnerships

Getting involved ...

Research Opportunities



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Research Opportunities

- Is the Family English As a Second Language Program effective and if so, could it be transferred to London?

Research Opportunities: Cont

- How effective are segregated English as a Second Language and English Literacy Development (ELD) in the school system and what alternatives are available?

Research Opportunities: Cont

- What partnership models are available to provide more culturally sensitive responsiveness to issues that may arise in the community?

Research Opportunities: Cont

- What are the potential benefits of recreation for immigrant integration and well-being? What programs could be put into place to provide affordable recreation opportunities for immigrants?

Research Opportunities: Cont

- Are there effective municipal volunteer programs for immigrants in place in other communities and could they be transferred to London?

Research Opportunities: Cont

- Are there successful models of strategies for counteracting negative media portrayal of immigrants? How might these strategies be implemented in London?

Research Opportunities: Cont

- Have Community Police Advisory groups been beneficial for other communities, and in what way? Would it be beneficial to set up such a group in London?

Research Opportunities: Cont

- What are the benefits of establishing a Media Literacy Council in London, and what process should be followed to do so? Are there lessons to be learned from other locations?

In conclusion

- The six sub-councils have identified close to sixty challenges facing the successful integration of immigrants, and have recommended strategies to address these
- Phase Two of the plan – each sub-council identified a work plan for Year One of the implementation phase. Work is currently commencing on a number of projects

- For the full Plan, updates on the Project, and products to date, visit the Immigration Portal:

www.welcome.london.ca

THANK YOU!

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