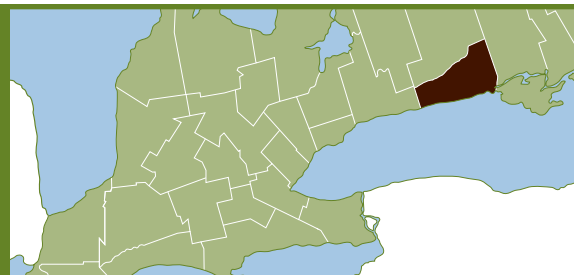
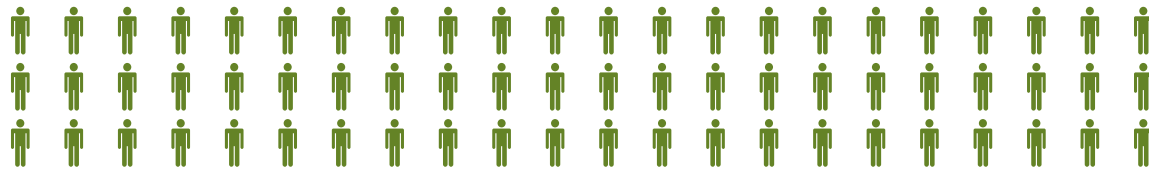


Newcomer Engagement and Social Capital in Rural Communities

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY



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PARTICIPANTS



METHODS USED:



SOCIAL CAPITAL ASSESSMENT IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Main sources of support that helped newcomers integrate into the community.

- Neighbours and friends
- Community groups, churches, and recreational activities
 - Northumberland Hispanic Cultural Club
- Professional groups
 - Chamber of Commerce
- Newcomers
 - Northumberland Newcomers Network

LEADERSHIP

Intentional focus and support for newcomers.

- Municipal policy
- Municipal budgets
- Newcomer loan program
- Presence at community events

ONLINE RESOURCES

Useful tools that helped newcomers navigate services and recreational activities in the community.

- County Websites
 - Welcome to Northumberland online portal
- Online Websites
 - Ontario 211

SOCIAL SERVICES

Local agencies and organizations who provide services, information and referrals.

- New Canadians Centre Cobourg
- YMCA

IMMIGRANT NEWCOMER SUPPORTS

Extraordinary efforts taken by the community to address the specific needs of immigrant newcomers.

- Collaboration of church groups to serve refugee needs
- ESL classes
- Volunteer drivers

BEST PRACTICES



Comprehensive Online Resources



Newcomer-to-newcomer supports



Strong Service Supports