



LINK Position Description

Purpose

To help “link” newcomer families to their new community by offering opportunities to develop social connections with established immigrant and Canadian born families.

Commitment

- Regular connection with newcomers to help them gain skills and experiences
- To offer a variety of experiences and connections to the newcomers that will assist them in developing their social connections in the community
- Committing to friendship with newcomers and emotional support when invited to

Qualifications Required

- A willingness to help a newcomer establish social connections in their new community
- A basic knowledge of Canadian culture, the community, and available resources
- Sensitivity to the cultures and traditions of others
- Good proficiency in English
- Dedicated to supporting others
- Able to provide emotional support: understanding, compassion, empathy
- Interest in people from other countries and cultures

Responsibilities

- To have regular contact with the newcomers in a 4 month period
- To offer the newcomer:
 - Emotional support
 - Social connections in their new community
 - Exposure to Canadian culture
 - Assistance in a variety of areas through available community resources
 - The opportunity to practice English in new relationships and social settings
- To maintain communication with the Canada Connect Staff on a regular basis
- To adhere to the LINK Agreement and confidentiality of the program and client information

Benefits

- Opportunity to explore new cultures through meaningful friendships
- Contribute to the well-being of newcomers in your community
- Enjoy a free YMCA fitness membership while being a LINK