



# PROFILE of

## Multicultural Health Brokers Coop

### Local Area Network (L.A.N.)

#### Goals:

- Make visible the presence of refugee and immigrant families in the region
- Facilitating institutional response and support towards the issues and hopes of immigrant/refugee communities

#### Expected Outcomes:

- Encourage service providers and institutions to improve access of immigrant and refugee families to their programs
- Facilitate co-operation and collaboration between agencies, institutions and leaders/members of immigrant and refugee communities

#### Process:

##### Phase I: (Gathering Information & Mapping It)

- Nov/Dec, 05:
  - Creating 8 maps using families on our caseload to highlight the presence of immigrant and refugee families in our region
  - Developed a template for highlighting the unique set of social vulnerability factors impacting refugee families
  - Supporting two communities in doing their own “community census and development of a profile”

##### Phase II: (Community Engagement)

- April, 06 – Dec 06
  - The two communities (Kurdish & Somali) each engaging partners among key institutions (school board, City of Edmonton, Region 6 Children Services) and M.A.P.S. Alberta Capital Region to pursue joint actions. Kurdish with homework club and Somali with community “needs assessment”

#### Members & Organizations Represented:

- Canadian Kurdish Friendship Association
- Somali Canadian Education and Rural Development
- Somali Community Reserve People
- City of Edmonton
- Region 6 Children Services
- Edmonton Public Schools
- M.A.P.S. Alberta Capital Region

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