

Connect Through Community Experience

In the Connect through Community Experience Program, families are introduced to their new community through a series of workshops and through experiential learning. The combination of the workshops and experiential learning provides deeper understanding about living in their new community. Parents and children are provided rich information and to compliment this, the families are led by Settlement Workers in Schools to the location of different supportive services and programs. This allows the families to connect to experiences first-hand and use this knowledge to access resources and supports in their new community.

Bringing together children, youth and parents in a family based program provides the opportunity for inter-generational acceptance and knowledge sharing. It is through this program that the space for meaningful connection for the whole family is provided. By offering meaningful activities for both the youth and the family members, the whole family is given the opportunity to learn, share and have fun.

Target Participants: English Language Learner (ELL) Students and their family members

Goals: Families will learn:

- inter-generational understanding to support family connections to each other and their community
- valuable information about the Canadian school system and develop an understanding of life in Canada
- social skills and personal skills by interacting with different generations and cultures
- how to make connections through experiences in the community and learning from one another
- increase awareness about resources and supports in the school and community

Workshop Themes:

- Connecting to valuable resources, supports and activities in the school and community
- How to stay safe and healthy in the new community
- Developing an understanding of life in Canada

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