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COMMUNITY
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**Your Home for Community-Based Evaluation Resources and
Support in the Settlement and Resettlement Sector**



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CCBR and the ECN have launched an online hub (eval4settlement.ca) for organizations that need support to evaluate their direct and indirect settlement services. It aims to be Canada's preeminent community-based evaluation capacity-building resource, strengthening a culture of evaluation in which outcome-based evidence helps to inform organizational planning and management decision-making. It responds to the identified need for improved evaluation capacity in the settlement sector even as funder expectations for rigorous evaluation are growing.

This platform can be used for collaborative evaluation and advocacy nation-wide while putting newcomers at the centre of evaluation.

Key Features of the Current EvalHub

Free evaluation resources: Explore a curated selection of resources designed to equip you in community-based evaluation and build your organization's capacity to assess and improve your settlement efforts.

Connections to fee-based services: We can help you conduct third-party evaluation, or access coaching, training and certification in community-based evaluation

Over the next year, the EvalHub aims to develop sector capacity in the following areas:

Theories of change: Support organizations and networks to better understand their unique theory of change, how it relates to IRCC, and other funders, and how it can guide their planning and evaluation.

GBA+: Equip the sector to integrate GBA+ into research and evaluation, to create more expansive services, supports, planning, and partnerships.

Community-based approaches to evaluation: Pursue evaluations that are community-driven, culturally responsive, participatory, and action-oriented, so that the sector can become more client-centred and achieve the best settlement outcomes possible.

Collective impact: Create a process for further developing shared indicators across the sector, a common data repository, and a platform for effective storytelling and advocacy.

Why do we need it?

- To celebrate the newcomer communities' accomplishments.
- To figure out the best way to achieve the best settlement outcomes.
- To fight anti-immigrant sentiment.
- To tell our impact stories.

Who is this meant for?

- Individuals, organizations, and groups that run direct and indirect settlement sector services.
- For those needing program, organizational, or collective impact evaluation.
- For those wanting to build their capacity in community-based evaluation.

Why use this website?

- Inform your processes, intended outcomes, and future directions.
- Promote a community-based approach to evaluation, capturing multiple perspectives, including those from refugees, immigrants, and other newcomer groups.
- Improve the evaluation of settlement and resettlement activities in Canada to strengthen support systems for all newcomers.



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Since 1982, CCBR has strengthened communities through social research.

- We are passionate about bringing people together to provide real and innovative solutions to issues in our communities
- Our approach to evaluation is community-driven, participatory and action-oriented. It mobilizes people to participate as full and equal members of society

CCBR has completed 70+ projects related to immigrants & refugees and cultural diversity in Canada. CCBR regularly partners with refugee and immigrant serving organizations on program evaluations.

CCBR is a non-profit housed at Conrad Grebel University (in the Kindred Centre for Peace Advancement) on the University of Waterloo Campus.



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The ECN, housed within the Community-University Partnership at the University of Alberta, is a program of research that builds collaborations among evaluation institutions and organizations. The ECN is a central point of contact for partners to access evaluation expertise, resources, education, and networks.

The ECN aims to:

- Build evaluation capacity
- Be an evaluation broker by developing and implementing evaluations
- Develop an interdisciplinary network of evaluation partners
- Increase cross-sector conversations to bridge funder and agency perspectives on evaluation

The ECN's goal is to build evaluation capacity that informs program and policy decision-making.

Settlement Evaluation Hub



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