

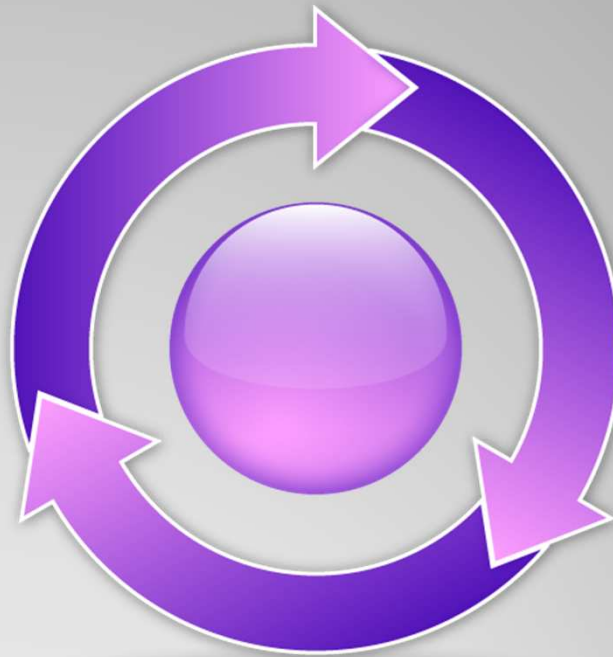
# Secret Pathways to the Interim Federal Health Program?

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## AGENDA

- Common Misconceptions
- Who are Convention Refugee Claimants
- Who are Sponsors
- Sponsors' Responsibilities
- Interim Federal Health Program
- Q & A

# Secret Pathways for Convention Refugee Claimants and Sponsored Individuals



## **Services for Refugees & Sponsored Individuals**

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- Everyone can get into Canada
- Abuse the (insert social program here)
- Criminals
- Others

## Misconceptions

- First Group
  - Tourists
  - Students
  - Businesspeople
- Second Group
  - Persons in Need of Protection
  - Sponsored Individuals

## Who can Legally Enter Canada?

- Defined by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees
- s. 96 Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA)
- Out of their country of nationality
- Well-founded fear of persecution
  - Race
  - Religion
  - Nationality
  - Political opinion
  - Member of a particular social group

## Who are Convention Refugees?

- s.97 IRPA
- (a) subject to a danger, believed on substantial grounds to exist, of torture within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention Against Torture; or
- (b) to a risk to their life or to a risk of cruel and unusual treatment or punishment

## Who are Persons in Need of Protection?

- Special humanitarian initiatives
- Family Class
- Groups of Five
- Sponsorship Agreement Holders and Constituent Groups
- Community Sponsor
- Joint Assistance Sponsorship

## Canadian Sponsorship Programs?

- spouse,
- common-law or conjugal partner, or
- dependent children
- they become permanent residents once in Canada

## **Family Class**

## Not eligible (Part 1)

- you are under 16 years of age
- you (or your sponsor) were married to someone else at the time of your marriage
- you have lived apart from your sponsor for at least one year and either you (or your sponsor) are the common-law or conjugal partner of another person

## Family Class

## Not eligible (Part 2)

- your sponsor immigrated to Canada and, at the time they applied for permanent residence, you were a family member who should have been examined to see if you met immigration requirements, but you were not examined
- your sponsor previously sponsored another spouse, common-law partner or conjugal partner, and three years have not passed since that person became a permanent resident.

## Family Class

- made up of five or more
- Canadian citizens or permanent residents
- over the age of 18
- want to sponsor one or more refugees abroad

## **Group of Five**

- Organizations across the country
- They can sponsor refugees themselves or work with others in the community to sponsor refugees.
- Most sponsorship agreement holders are religious, ethnic, community or service organizations.

## **Sponsorship Agreement Holders and Constituent Groups**

- An organization,
- An association, or
- A corporation

## Community Sponsor

# EVERYTHING

- emotionally
- financially
- for the full duration of the sponsorship—usually one year.

**What is a sponsor responsible for?**

- A specialized and experienced group
- At least 2 years of support

## **Joint Assistance Sponsorship**

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>12 Months of Income Support</b>	<b>Start-up Costs</b>	<b>Estimated Total Annual Settlement Cost (\$)</b>
<b>1</b>	9,000	2,800	11,800
<b>2</b>	15,500	4,300	19,800
<b>3</b>	17,700	5,300	23,000
<b>4</b>	20,000	6,000	26,000
<b>5</b>	22,500	7,200	29,700
<b>6</b>	24,500	8,000	32,500
Additional member	1,550	1,000	2,500

## Sponsorship Cost Table

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<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Shelter</b>	<b>Clothing</b>	<b>Furniture</b>	<b>Start-up (Household Needs)</b>	<b>School Start-up Costs</b>	<b>Food Staples</b>
<b>1</b>	6,000	500	1,500	325		175
<b>2</b>	6,000	1,000	2,000	350		250
<b>3</b>	7,800	1,375	2,500	375		325
<b>4</b>	7,800	1,750	3,000	400		400
<b>5</b>	9,600	2,125	3,500	425		475
<b>6</b>	9,600	2,500	4,000	450		550
For additional member, add	900	375	500	25	150/per child between ages 4-21	75

## In-kind amounts

- Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC)
- Temporary health-care coverage
- For specific people in Canada
- who do not have insurance or the money to pay for health-care services
- Get needed care
- Assists with their integration into Canadian society
- Reduces risks to public health

## **Interim Federal Health Program**

- refugee claimants
- failed claimants
- resettled refugees
- protected persons in Canada waiting for provincial/territorial health insurance coverage
- detained people
- victims of trafficking in persons

## Who is eligible for the IFHP

- **basic coverage** (benefits covered by provincial/territorial health plans) and
- **supplemental coverage** (benefits similar to those provided to social assistance recipients)

**NB Some services require prior approval**

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/refugees/outside/ifhp-info-sheet.asp>

**What is covered by IFHP?**

- Medical and Surgical Care, including:
- Anaesthesia
- Psychiatric Care
- Dialysis
- Blood Transfusion
- Chemotherapy
- Radiotherapy
- Diagnostic Imaging (Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Computer Tomography Scans and Ultrasound)

**What is covered by IFHP?**

## Questions an agency could ask to develop a policy

- does the person have IFHP?
- check the list to see is the service covered?
- what do you do if the service is NOT covered?
- secret pathway to service?
  
- Up to each agency and individual to do the “right thing”

**What do you do when a person needs a service?**