



Community Capacity Advisory Committee Description

The Rural Development Network (RDN) and ASSIST Community Services Centre are looking for members to participate in an advisory committee that focuses on the delivery and access of settlement services in rural areas. Through the development of the Community Capacity Project, RDN and ASSIST seek to build the capacity of rural service provider organizations in supporting newcomers to be able to attract, retain and settle immigrants into rural communities. The advisory committee will contribute key information and critical guidance to the project regarding the development of training sessions and the development of the associated guide. Members of the committee will also be responsible to share any unique needs or challenges they experience regarding their specific programs or communities. Through a “rural lens”, the committee will be able to address the knowledge gaps and pinpoint any barriers to the training.

We are looking for diverse service providers, frontline workers, partner organizations and recent newcomers located in the Hinton, Sylvan Lake, Wainwright and Kneehill County communities to join our advisory committee.

Timeline

This project will begin in September, 2021 and will be active for 9 - 12 months, depending on its succession.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Attend meetings (roughly 9-12, depending on project need)
- Provide feedback on the content of training sessions
- Review drafts of the guide
- Identify community and newcomer training needs
- Provide insight into local realities and dynamics in rural Alberta
- Make recommendations
- Support in promoting training sessions and guide
- Championing the project within the community

If you wish to apply to be part of the advisory committee, please complete our online application form:

<https://forms.gle/VudLweZhuUnuBnrGA> . If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Soheila Homayed** at soheilah@ruraldevelopment.ca.

We are looking forward to working together and building the capacity of rural settlement providers across communities in Alberta!