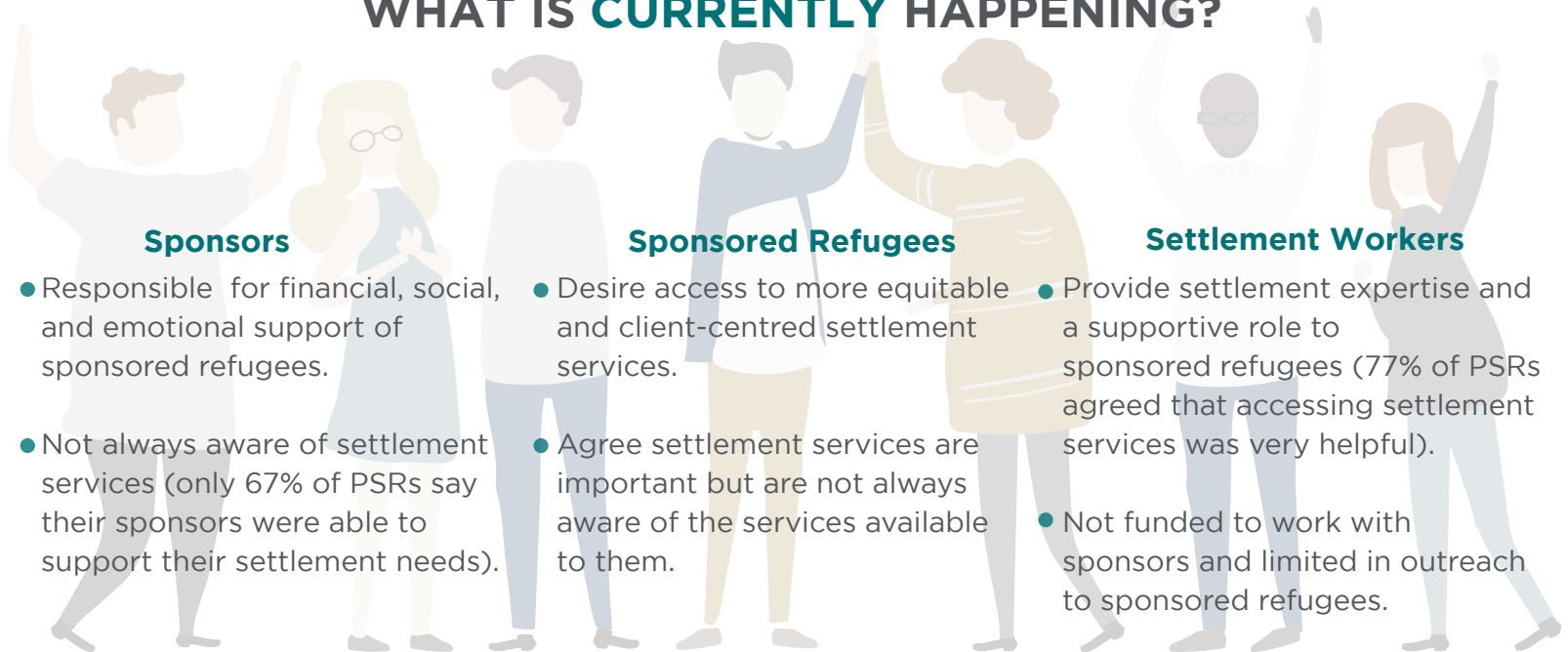


WHAT IS CURRENTLY HAPPENING?



Sponsors

- Responsible for financial, social, and emotional support of sponsored refugees.
- Not always aware of settlement services (only 67% of PSRs say their sponsors were able to support their settlement needs).

Sponsored Refugees

- Desire access to more equitable and client-centred settlement services.
- Agree settlement services are important but are not always aware of the services available to them.

Settlement Workers

- Provide settlement expertise and a supportive role to sponsored refugees (77% of PSRs agreed that accessing settlement services was very helpful).
- Not funded to work with sponsors and limited in outreach to sponsored refugees.

*Based on research conducted by the ARI project with more than 360 stakeholders across Ontario.

HOW CAN WE WORK BETTER TOGETHER ?



Find common ground

Concentrate on what would best support PSRs



Clarify roles and responsibilities

51% of all stakeholders identified role confusion as the top challenge



Build positive relationships

And leverage existing links



Address barriers to collaboration

Including lack of training, and staff/volunteer capacity

WHAT'S NEXT?

ARI will be designing and implementing pilot projects to try out some of these promising practices. Our research told us that the most pressing needs of sponsors, sponsored refugees, and settlement workers are improved quality and

methods of **CONNECTION**, and more accessible **INFORMATION**. We need your help to identify and pilot the most promising practices that will bring together these common allies and benefit sponsored refugees.

Join us! For more information visit: <http://ocasi.org/allies-refugee-integration>