

Guide to supports for Privately Sponsored Refugees

You have two main people who can support you in your first few months:



Your Sponsors

They are responsible to support you for everyday things like providing financial support, showing you around the community & answering your questions to make sure you have all the support you need to settle in Canada for the full 12 months of the sponsorship period.



A Settlement Worker

They are the gateway to official services you will want to access in your first days to years in Canada like language assessment and classes, support getting official documents, information on health, school, and taxes. They also often provide translation and interpretation support.

Some tips on getting the support you need from both:



- Start right away to search for a Settlement Agency. Your sponsor should know about a good agency close by, or you can search for yourself online for example in Ontario you can use [this website](#).
- To get a settlement worker, you or your sponsor can call or email a Settlement Agency to schedule an intake meeting either in person or virtually.
- At the meeting, you will discuss your goals & create a plan together for your settlement. Remember to communicate with your sponsor to let them know.
- Think about how you want your sponsor to be involved in your connection to the Settlement Agency. It can be helpful for your sponsors to get information from the settlement worker so they can support you. Remember that the choice is up to you.