

Hello!



My name is Mihiri Witharana and I am your Settlement Practitioner with Edmonton Immigrant Services Association (EISA). Having been a newcomer student myself I am passionate in helping students and parents who are new to Canada.

What do I do as a Settlement Practitioner?

I support newcomer students and their families adjust to life in Canada. I speak Sinhalese and English but together with my colleagues I have access to over 30 languages to serve newcomer families.

I serve the following schools:

Monday	–	Elder Dr. Francis Whiskeyjack High School
Tuesday	–	St. Elizabeth School
Wednesday	–	Steinhauer School
Thursday and Friday	–	Harry Ainlay High School

My role as a Settlement Practitioner is to provide newcomer (Immigrant) families with supports such as:

- General information about the Alberta school system and life in Canada
- Facilitate communication between parents and the school
- Advocate on behalf of the newcomer family's needs.
- Connect the newcomer family with community resources/services such as: ESL/Language Classes, Recreation Services, housing, health, transportation etc.
- Immigration related issues
- Government programs/services
- Interpretation/Translation services

I will also organize information sessions on various topics that are of interest to newcomer parents and children.

There are many areas I can assist you and your child so if you have any questions, please feel free to drop in for a chat at the school, contact me via email or even call me.

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