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## *Réseau en immigration francophone de la Saskatchewan* Adoption of a francophone lens in welcome and settlement resources for service providers.

Regina, April 20th, 2018 – The *Réseau en immigration francophone de la Saskatchewan* (RIF-SK) announces that some welcome and settlement resources for service providers are adopting a francophone lens.

Since January 2018, the RIF-SK and many of its service provider member organizations have been participating in community engagement meetings, organized by the *Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies* (SAISIA).

SAISIA is the umbrella organization in Saskatchewan committed to strengthening communication and collaboration with all provincial service providers in the immigration sector, including Francophone organizations.

From these meetings came the idea to revise the Settlement Service Maps developed by SAISIA, in English, for the four main cities in Saskatchewan: Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina, and Saskatoon.

These diagrams now include 11 of the RIF-SK's service provider member organizations, in addition to the *Assemblée communautaire fransaskoise* (ACF), which was previously featured. These four documents have also been translated into French by SAISIA.

All participants in the immigration sector, Francophone or Anglophone, can now use the reception and settlement service diagrams to effectively and systematically refer services to newcomers in the province.

They are available for free, in both official languages, on the **<u>RIF-SK's website</u>**.

The RIF-SK is a provincial francophone roundtable. Its mandate is to facilitate the development of services and resources promoting the reception, retention, and inclusion of Francophone immigrants in Saskatchewan. The RIF-SK does not provide direct service to newcomers but works with community and government stakeholders to promote Francophone immigration in Saskatchewan.

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