

Programs Diagram Path June 2015

After School Program has activities for my younger brother and sister from 4-6 pm and for teens like me from 7 – 9 pm. I also go to Homework Program (HEY) where a teacher can help me with school work. I hope I can win one of the \$500 scholarships they give out at the end of the school year! In program we do all sorts of stuff like Cooking, Drama, Leadership, Youth Employment, Girls' and Boys' Nights, tons of sports, music and much more. We really get to know what's happening for youth all over – like going to Art City or youth conferences in other provinces! When my best friend was feeling really, really down, a staff person helped him make a plan to get help. In the summer, programs run during the day too. I think it's awesome that I can keep coming to program even when our family moves out of IRCOM!

House. We were so excited when the staff in House called us! They showed us the suite and we said "Yes!" We met to sign the lease, and once we moved in, House kept our suite in good repair, helped with tenant issues, and more. My neighbour's husband got on-the-job training fixing up suites and now he has a full time job in construction!



Our family had been in Canada less than 6 months when we applied to live at IRCOM

Settlement and integration



Community Resource Program

staff met our family as soon as we moved in. They came to our home to help us develop a Settlement Plan. It helped guide us and achieve our goals. Having an interpreter was a great help. We drop into the CRP office with any and all questions – help with schools, EIA, bills, taxes, everything! They hold workshops on topics like Winter Survival, Parenting, Gang Awareness, and more. Other tenants and I are paid to cater food for events. With our littlest, we can go to Wiggle Giggle & Munch Program for parents and kids and in summer we can all take a break and go for fun outings all over Winnipeg! When my neighbour's eldest son ran away, the social worker was there to help. Tenant Leaders and Neighbourhood Watch allow us to put our skills to use!

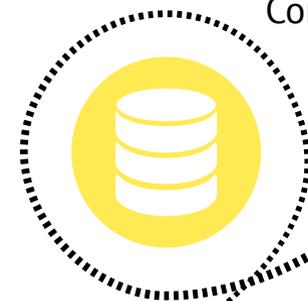


Wrap-around holistic services



Greening Program

allows us to garden using seeds from back home! There are container gardens on every balcony and some sites around the neighbourhood where we can put our skills to use, work side by side with our community to grow our own healthy nutritious foods.



Asset Building Programs give us many ways to improve our money situation and build skills. The Asset Building Program teaches us about money management. Then we can save money and get matched amounts to buy an asset. I bought a sofa to welcome people into my home. Because of this program I was also able to save for a college course. My neighbour at IRCOM was able to save to buy a house! The Access to Benefits Program helped us get our taxes done and we also learned our family could get a disability benefit to pay for a new wheelchair. The Newcomer Driver Education Program has special driver education classes and in-car training just for newcomers! I hope to use my licence to look for work – and it makes it easier to get a job like driving a truck or taxi!



Child Care Program

provides child care mainly for 0-5 year olds, for all events and activities so that we can enjoy programs and classes while our children are in an environment that promotes literacy and healthy early childhood development.



Community (economic) development, capacity building, empowerment

Newcomer Literacy Initiative.

Learning English is one of the main goals in our settlement plan. I was happy to go to half day classes, and leave my little ones in child care while I learned. One class is at IRCOM but my Foundations class and 3 other classes are at Hugh John Macdonald School, close by.



Volunteer & Community Services Program.

One of the ways to become connected and gain valuable Canadian workplace experience is to volunteer. IRCOM has over 100 volunteers and many practicum students from all walks of life. I volunteer as a Tenant Leader and my husband's English is so much better because of his Language Partner volunteer. In our first year at IRCOM we took part in the Family to Family Program - we were paired with a Canadian family who met with us several times for fun, to learn about each other's cultures and to get great tips about living and working in Canada. We are still friends to this day!

