

Building welcoming communities

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Moving to Action



- What expectations/hopes do you have for RDI over the next 6 months?
- What expectations do you have of the Welcoming Communities Steering committee?
- What actions do you see others taking over the next 6 months (please specify)?
- Are you willing to stay engaged in these activities? To what extent and how would you like to stay engaged?



Next steps



Immediate steps

- *Summary & implications (workshop)*
- *More analysis – by theme*

Other steps

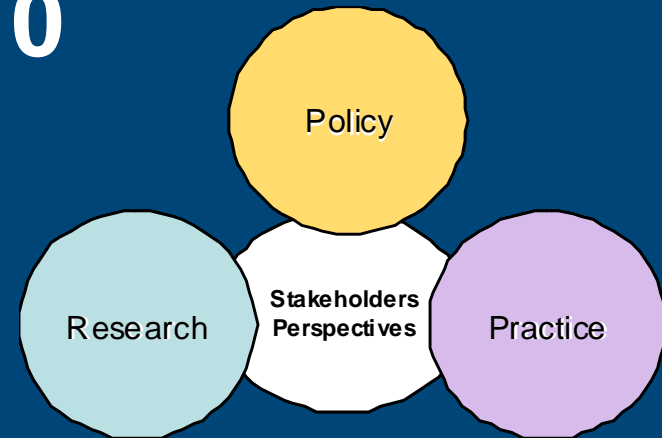
- *New analysis (same data)*
- *New data and new analysis*

New project

- *Building Welcoming communities (overview)*
- *New project coordinator*

New
project

Building Welcoming Communities: a multi-sectoral regional collaborative approach to rural immigration 2009-2010



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Multi-stakeholder focus

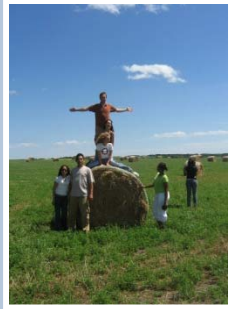


Who:

- ***Community leaders***
- ***Employers***
- ***Service providers***
- ***Government***
- ***Researchers***
- ***Service NGOs***



Goal



Why: ***Improve ability of communities to welcome immigrants***



How: ***Local & regional collaborative engagement with multiple stakeholders***



Goal (continued)



What: Indicators of welcoming communities from stakeholders

Welcome

W

Awareness



Initial experiences

Settle

S



Retain

R

Experiences

Indicators

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Indicators



Objectives



Where:

Southwest MB rural communities (5-10):

- Best practices
- Assess the nature of “WSR” in rural communities
- Regional approach



Guiding Questions



WSR communities / region

- Barriers of becoming WSR?
- Resources, knowledge, skills?
- Effective knowledge transfer?
- WSR indicators?
- What's happening elsewhere?



Working groups



WSR communities / regions

1. More communities (up to 10)
2. WSR action groups (local and regional stakeholders defining meaningful indicators)
3. Transfer WSR findings
4. Expert commentary, connections
5. Project admin & assessment

Anticipated Results



- Stakeholder dialogue sessions
- WSR indicators
- Knowledge transfer:
 - website, workshop, papers
- Explore WSR communities beyond MB
- Regional forum (Feb. 2010)
- Build student researchers

Connect with RDI



- **Join a working group**
- **Participate in dialogue sessions**
- **Email update on project**



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