

# **The Way Forward on Immigration in Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Making Connections & Mapping Systems**

**Services and Supports for Immigrants and Refugees**

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# Outline

- Dept. of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (AESL)
- The Way Forward on Immigration
- Question & Answer Session



## AESL - Mandate

- Work collaboratively with employers and communities to increase immigration;
- Help individuals to obtain the educational, employment, financial and social supports needed to achieve the greatest benefit from current and future economic opportunities in the province;
- Encourage effective relationships between employers and employees through the administration and enforcement of applicable legislation; and
- Support post-secondary education and literacy to ensure that graduates are able to fully participate in and contribute to their communities.

# Who we serve...

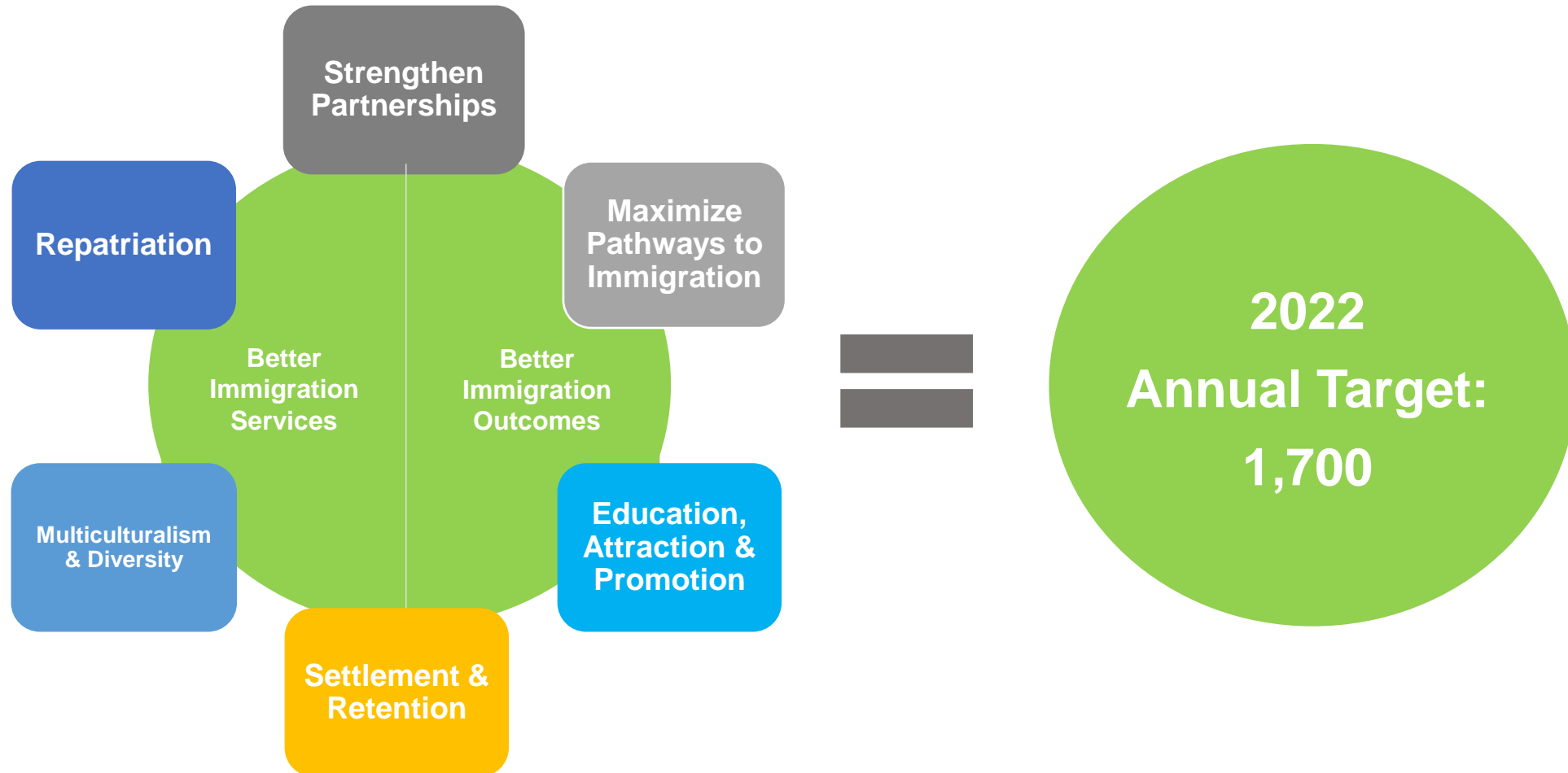
- Individuals
- Employers
- Community



# Immigration – Why it Matters



# The Way Forward on Immigration in NL - TWFI



# TWFI - Vision

Together we will succeed in building a more economically, socially and culturally vibrant province that attracts and retains skilled immigrants. By increasing immigration and building on the skills, fresh perspectives and global connections of immigrants and their families, we will grow our economy and support our communities.



# TWFI - Key Objectives

## Better Immigration Services:

Maximizing the effectiveness and efficiency of our resources and business processes

## Better Immigration Outcomes:

Actions and initiatives we will take with our partners to attract and retain more immigrants to our province



# TWFI - Budget

**Three-Year  
budget**

~ \$8.9M

~ \$5.7M  
Provincial

~ \$3.2M  
Federal

# TWFI - Actions

## 39 time-bound actions

### Better Immigration Services:

*Year 1*            **9 Actions**

*Years 2 to 5*   **5 Actions**

### Better Immigration Outcomes:

*Year 1*            **15 Actions**

*Years 2 to 5*   **10 Actions**

## Focus Areas

- Strengthening partnerships
- Maximizing pathways to immigration
- Enhancing education, attraction, and promotion activities
- Improving settlement and retention services
- Supporting better awareness and understanding of the benefits of multiculturalism and diversity in the province; and
- Supporting and increasing the repatriation of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians

# TWFI - Actions

- Provide Support to Third Parties to Deliver Settlement Services and Supports to Newcomers
- Increase Francophone Immigration and Retention in Newfoundland and Labrador
- Expand Access to English as a Second Language (ESL) for Immigrants and deliver an ESL and Adult Basic Education Bridging Program for Refugees
- Review and Evaluate Immigration Settlement Services
- Explore the Potential to Expand the Delivery of Settlement and Integration Services and Supports to Other Regions of the Province
- Support Employment Mentorship and Leadership Opportunities for Immigrant Women
- Develop and Deliver Cultural Competency Training
- Partner to Deliver a Labour Market Integration Program for Refugees
- Pilot a Regional Welcoming Communities Initiative
- Increase the Number and Broaden the Reach of Multiculturalism Week Events Throughout the Province

# TWFI - Partnerships

## Our Partners

- Communities
- Government of Canada
- Atlantic Provinces
- Employers
- Service Providers, Community Organizations
- K-12 System
- Post-secondary Institutions
- Newfoundlanders and Labradorians



# TWFI - Immigration Pathways

- Explore Opportunities to Introduce New Categories Under the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Nominee Program
- Implement the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program
- Support the Implementation of the National Vision Action Plan for Immigration
- Promote the Atlantic Region Nationally and Internationally at Immigration Fairs and Expatriate Recruitment Events

# TWFI - Accountability

An annual report card will be issued to:

- Measure progress of actions undertaken in the preceding fiscal year
- Outline priority actions for the upcoming year
- Provide an opportunity to add new initiatives at the beginning of each year in response to changing circumstances or emerging issues.

Please contact us on any questions regarding immigration in Newfoundland and Labrador



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