



# School to Work Transitions Among Newcomer Youth in Alberta

**TITLE OF RESEARCH:** School to Work Transition Experiences of Newcomer Youth in Alberta

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**SUMMARY:** This study looked at the experiences of newcomer youth, aged 16 to 30, who were ready to make the transition from school to work after high school or certificate/diploma-level post-secondary education. Data was collected through interviews with youth and SPO staff. Findings were validated by youth not involved in the original research.

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## Challenges for Newcomer Youths



## Transition Supports



## Recommendations:

- Match youth with mentors who share their ethnocultural background and who are qualified to prepare youth for the workplace.
- A holistic mitigation response is preferable over isolated efforts that target individual barriers in isolation.
- Collaboration is needed among key players, such as educators, employers, and community organizations to address barriers and facilitate transition.
- More targeted funding is needed for newcomer youth organizations who support the transition to employment to address the unique challenges youth face and help them successfully enter the workforce.

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