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The SWIS Program (In-School Settlement and Mentorship) provides support, build cultural connections, mentors, and guides children and youth as they settle and integrate into their new life in Canada.

The SWIS Program works in partnership with the two school boards—the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) and the Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for youth and their families.

The SWIS Program is **cost-free** and serves **immigrant and refugee youth ages 5-24 years old**. Our team provides information and helps students connect with different services and activities so youth can excel in their school communities, understand the school curriculum and improve their academic skills.



What we offer:

- Group orientation sessions for parents to help them better understand and navigate the Canadian schooling system.
- Access for parents to educational resources to help their children succeed in school.
- Information and orientation sessions for youth to support their transition into the new school community.
- Valuable resources for youth to help with their education, settlement and integration.
- Cost-free, fun group activities & field trips throughout Calgary and the area.
- Support in building new friendships with peers and developing positive relationships with teachers and community mentors.
- English language practice in a safe and respectful environment.
- Instruction and support on essential teamwork and life skills.
- Leadership opportunities for building confidence and a sense of belonging.
- Hosts workshops in libraries, schools, and community centers on topics such as, Healthcare, School Systems, Financial Literacy, Accessing Social Benefits, Education, Anti Bullying, Choices, Depression & Anxiety Self-Management for Teens, Transition into Post-secondary (TIPS), Youth Justice System and more.

The SWIS staff provides services in a variety of languages. Our services and programs are available at several schools throughout the city, housing complexes, public library, virtually or even at your home.

To book an appointment or for more information, please contact: **fduman@cbfy.ca** or call **403.612.2267**.

To learn more about The Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth programs and services available to immigrant and refugee youth, please visit www.cbfy.ca.

For over 30 years, **The Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth (CBFY)** provides a welcoming and inclusive environment for immigrant and refugee youth and their families by enriching them with the appropriate information, knowledge and experience as they build a life in Canada. CBFY main programs include the Settlement Workers in Schools Program (SWIS), which consists of the In-School Settlement and Mentorship Programs; Afterschool Program; RBC Youth Empowerment Program and Transitioning into Post-Secondary Program.

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