

Who We Are

African Community Council (ACC) is a registered non-profit umbrella organization based in London, Ontario. ACC focuses on excellent service delivery to refugees and immigrants in need. Some of the services that ACC offers include:

- Providing education, counselling and housing services to immigrants
- Developing and implementing projects and reporting immigrant issues to the appropriate authorities
- Providing language instructions and translation/interpretation services to new arrivals
- Providing information programs on Canadian culture and life

“I am excited to be the Project Manager for the *Making Connections for African Women and Girls* project. This is a great opportunity for collaboration between London community service providers and the ACC in creating positive solutions for African women and girls.

- ACC Project Manager, Rabina Anand

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Canada

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Children's Aid Society of
London and Middlesex



Cross Cultural Learner Centre



Literacy Link South Central



London and District Distress
Centre



London Community Resource
Centre



London InterCommunity Health
Centre



Sexual Assault Centre London



Women's Community House



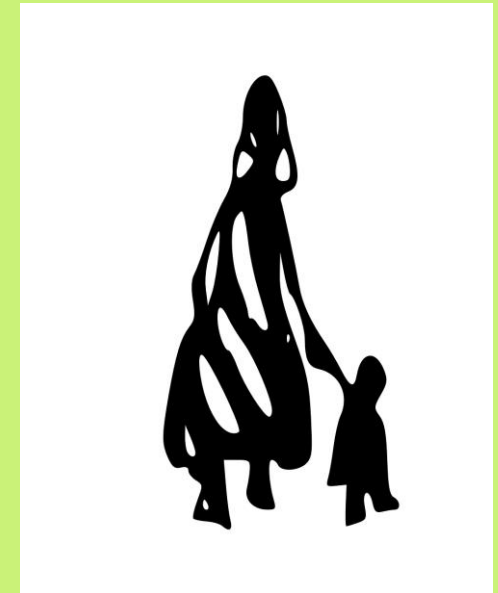
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Making Connections for African Women and Girls



Information for Community Service Providers

African Community Council (ACC) is a social and settlement services agency, working to improve the quality of life of newcomers in London and vicinity.



Why has ACC started the *Making Connections for African Women and Girls Project*?

We want to connect African women and girls who have been impacted by violence, to programs and services that can meet their needs.

Newcomer, refugee and immigrant women and girls are more vulnerable to violence and can find it hard to adjust to life in a new community because of:

- Economic dependence
- Language barriers
- Lack of awareness of Canadian laws and community resources
- Experienced loneliness and family conflict¹

At ACC, we believe that women and girls are empowered to improve their quality of life when they are:

- a) involved in the identification of needs and the development of solutions
- b) educated about what programs and services are available to them

What is the *Making Connections for African Women and Girls Project*?

- We will be working with African women and girls to identify their needs and barriers that may prevent them from accessing community supports.
- We will be working with community agencies in London to make their services more accessible to African women and girls who have been impacted by violence.
- We will promote community agencies that can assist African women and girls in need.

How Will this Project Benefit the African Community in London?

- Increased participation of African women and girls in the community
- Increased capacity for service providers to make their services more accessible to African women and girls
- Increased overall efforts to reduce gender-based violence and make London safer for all community members

How Can You Contribute to the Project?

Community Service Providers:

We want to work with you to improve access to your services for these women and girls.

For more information or to get involved in this project, please contact:

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¹Hui, J. & J. Han. (2009). "Safety for Immigrant, Refugee and Non-Status Women: A Literature Review." Ending Violence Association of BC, MOSAIC & Vancouver Lower Mainland Multicultural Family Support Services Society.