

PEI PIP quarterly snapshot

Q1 (April - June) 2025



IRSA team photo on Volunteer Appreciation day, April 2025

Welcome to PEI PIP's First Quarter Snapshot for 2025! We're excited to share highlights from the past three months, showcasing the PIP team's efforts, impactful partnerships, and meaningful collaborations—all in support of building a stronger, more inclusive community.

WHAT IS PEI PIP?

PEI's Provincial Immigration Partnership (PIP) is an Island-wide initiative that aims to support the development of community-based partnerships to build welcoming communities across PEI. Learn more about PIP's vision and mission [here!](#)

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO?

- Immigrant Advisory Table (IAT) activities
- Newcomer Justice & Safety Needs Assessment
- Understanding PEI PIP Committee Structure
- IRSA's new PIP team member
- What's coming up?



Asian Heritage Month, May 2025

IMMIGRANT ADVISORY TABLE (IAT)

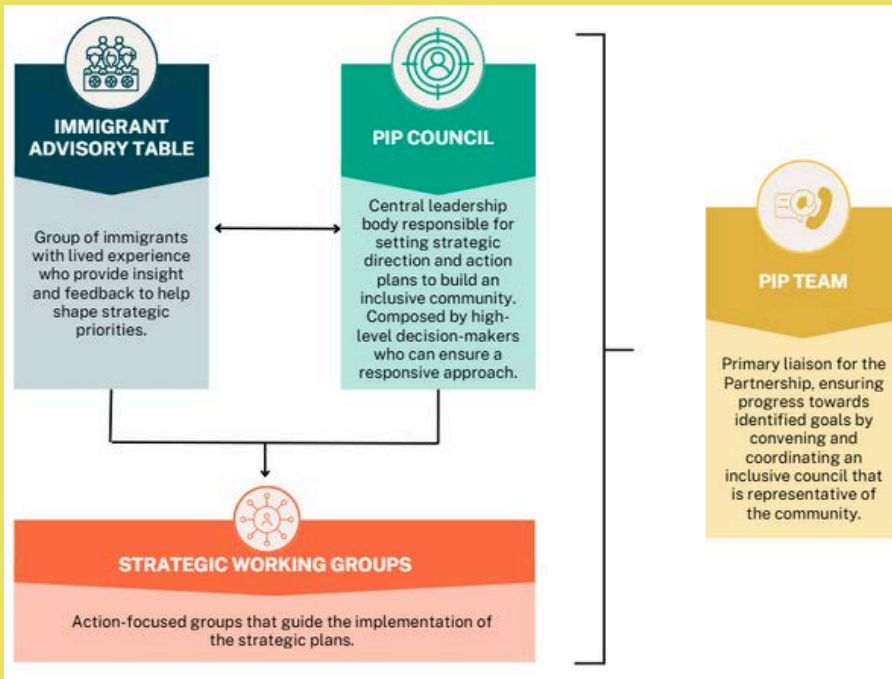
The IAT Committee meets quarterly each fiscal year to offer valuable insights and guidance on issues impacting immigrants across PEI. Through identifying service gaps, sharing strengths, and fostering dialogue, members work to amplify diverse voices, backgrounds, and newcomer experiences in our province.

Comprised of 20 active community members, the IAT launched its first meeting of 2025 in collaboration with the PEI PIP team—marking an exciting start to a new year of engagement and impact.

IAT Committee members



PIP COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



PEI PIP team collaborates closely with

- IAT
- PIP Council (high level decision makers)
- Working groups (action-focused groups)

to fulfill its vision and mission to drive positive change and support the successful long-term settlement, integration, and well-being of immigrants to PEI.

NAVIGATING JUSTICE & SAFETY : A Newcomer Needs Assessment on PEI

Newcomers often avoid engaging with the justice system due to fear, language barriers, and lack of legal understanding—leading to unreported crimes and unsafe outcomes. Systemic issues like poor interpreter access and cultural disconnects deepen mistrust and weaken public safety.

That's why, IRSA commissioned a comprehensive needs assessment in partnership with SRL Solutions—funded by the Department of Justice and Public Safety—to examine the economic and social impacts of the barriers newcomers face within PEI's justice and public safety systems, as well as the consequences of inaction.

Here are four (4) strategic recommendations proposed

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| 1. Advance Cultural Safety Across Justice Systems | 2. Strengthen Newcomers' status-neutral and Inclusive Access | 3. Expand Newcomers' Representation and Governance Accountability | 4. Enhance System Integration and Align Policy Frameworks |
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You can learn more about the assessment, [here!](#)



This quarter IRSA welcomed **440** newcomers representing...



30%

India



10%

China



7%

Philippines



5%

Vietnam

IRSA'S PIP TEAM

This year has marked a strong start for the PIP team at IRSA. With the continued support of our community members and partners, we look forward to increasing the positive impact of newcomer integration across Prince Edward Island.



Rocio McCallum
PIP Project Manager



Farzana Yeasmin
PIP Project Coordinator

We're also excited to welcome a new member to the team—Farzana—who will be working alongside Rocio to help drive this important work forward.

To connect with the team, please reach out at pip@irsapei.ca

WHAT'S COMING UP ...



Immigrant Advisory Table (IAT) **session #2** is scheduled for September 10, 2025



At Home in the Atlantic conference is scheduled for September 25, 2025 in Charlottetown. This day-long event is **co-hosted by ARAISA & IRSA PEI** to **explore belonging, integration, and staying power in Atlantic Canada.**

IRCC NOTICES

clickable links below

- [Update on field of study requirement for post-graduation work permits](#)
- [Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot \(EMPP\) - Canada's first complementary pathway for refugee labor mobility](#)
- [Attention Newcomers & International Students - Protect yourself from Immigration fraud](#)
- [Canada launches new supports for internationally educated nurses](#)



Thank you for taking the time to engage with the very first edition of our PIP quarterly newsletter. Your perspectives and feedback are invaluable to us as we pursue meaningful progress together in the community!

Please feel free to share your thoughts at pip@irsapei.ca — let's continue building a shared vision for impact and growth.