



2025-2026
IMPACT REPORT

HELPING PEOPLE IMPROVING LIVES



When Support Is Missing, Communities Feel It

Pathways to Work Start Here

More than 760 individuals turned to SECC for employment support, with 151 securing work within three months.

Without these services, many would face prolonged unemployment—impacting not only their financial stability, but the economic health of our entire community.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

296

children and youth
enrolled across all
programs

848

job seekers supported
across all employment
streams

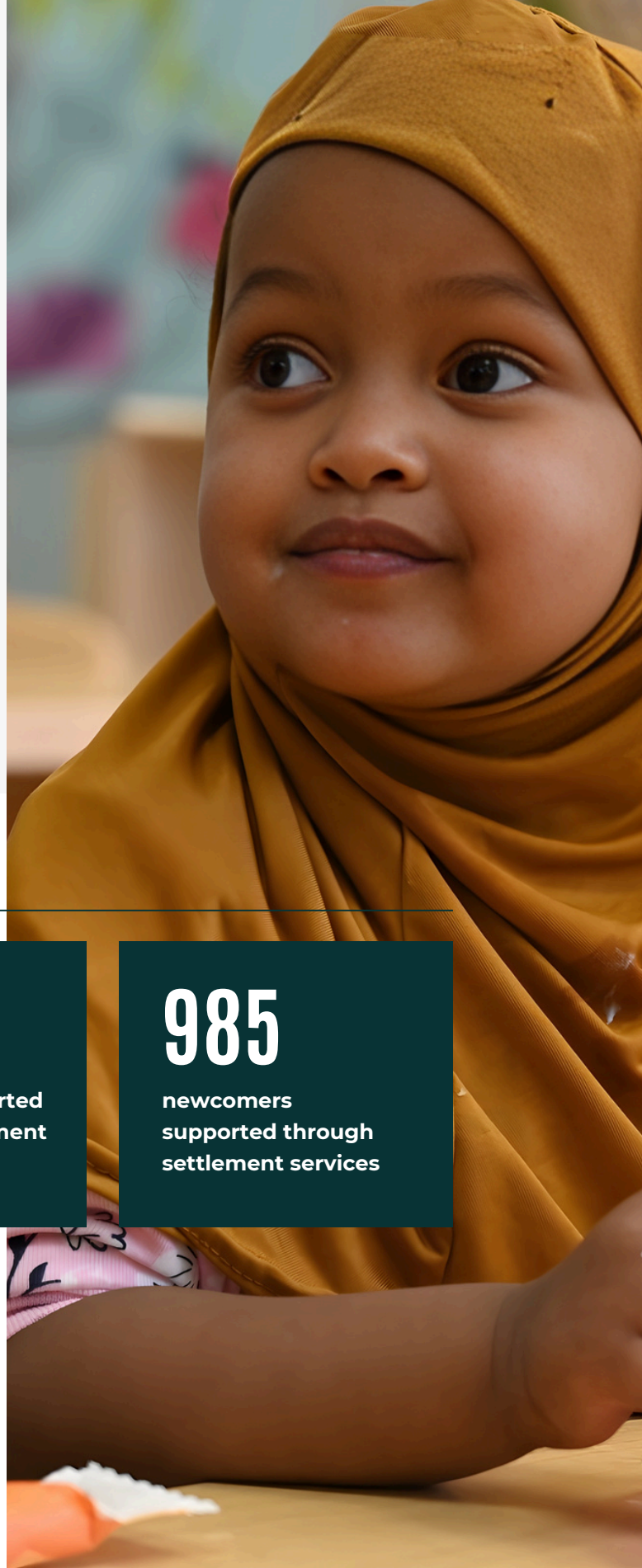
985

newcomers
supported through
settlement services

For over 260 children, SECC after school program is where they go after the bell rings — without it, many would be left without support.

40 CHILDREN AT QUEEN ELIZABETH
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

44 CHILDREN AT ST LOUIS
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



MAKE AN IMPACT THROUGH THE POWER OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN, GROW, AND TAKE ACTION

RIDE FOR REFUGE & RIDE & STRIDE 2025

SECC's 2025 Ride for Refuge, alongside the launch of the new Ride & Stride event, raised over \$31,000 in support of essential community programs and services.

The event brought together participants, volunteers, sponsors, and community members in a strong show of local engagement and support. Funds raised directly enhance access to transportation, meals, learning opportunities, and other vital services for individuals and families across the region.

The success of this year's event reflects both the growing community need and the continued commitment of local partners and supporters to invest in programs that improve quality of life in Windsor-Essex.



TECH BUDDY

New program, Tech Buddy supported older adults (average age 73) in building digital skills, confidence, and independence. Participants learned to use devices, access online services, and stay connected with family and community.

The program exceeded targets, reaching 131 participants (125 aged 55+). By improving online safety, reducing isolation, and increasing confidence, Tech Buddy has become a trusted and impactful resource for seniors in our community.



396 NEW STUDENTS ENROLLED

ACROSS CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS THIS YEAR

402 TRANSIT CLIENTS
SERVED

5116 RIDES
PROVIDED

SECC CAREER HUB

Local Jobs. Local Impact.

SECC's Career Hub hosted 5 job fairs this year, each bringing together an average of 28 employers and 150–200 job seekers. Job seekers built confidence, strengthened communication skills, and connected with opportunities they may not have accessed otherwise, while employers gained access to diverse, motivated talent to help fill critical labour gaps.

New this year was a 5-week Youth Employment Training (YET) Program pilot, designed to support youth aged 18–29 in building employability skills, exploring career pathways, and gaining hands-on work experience.

A total of 12 youth completed the program, with 8 moving into placements. 4 secured immediate employment, 7 were employed within one month across multiple sectors, and 3 returned to further education.

CLIENT IMPACT STORY

Aurelio



“SECC helped me build my confidence and skills. I highly recommend them to anyone who needs support.”

When Aurelio Cahoy arrived at SECC in December 2025, he was struggling with limited English and lacked the confidence to search for work.

With support from SECC staff, Aurelio joined the Get SET program, where he improved his English and built essential computer skills. As his confidence grew, he began applying for jobs and successfully secured a position at UNIFAB as a General Labourer.

Today, Aurelio feels confident communicating, using a computer, and navigating life in Canada.

CLIENT IMPACT STORY

Emily



“ I am very grateful to SECC for their guidance, encouragement, and understanding throughout this journey. Their support played an important role in helping me move forward and rebuild my working life after injury.

When Emily experienced a sudden hand injury in January 2025, her ability to work and manage daily tasks was deeply impacted. Returning to her previous job was no longer safe, and the future felt uncertain. Through SECC's Career Hub Emily received personalized support to rebuild her confidence, explore new options, and prepare for employment.

Today, Emily is working at Discovery in a childcare role.

VOICES FOR IMPACT

Conversations that Matter

Launched in 2025, SECC's Voices for Impact was created to bring community leaders, partners, and residents together around pressing local issues.

The September event focused on income inequality, featuring a presentation by Frazier Fathers (Community Policy Solutions) on regional housing data.

Following the presentation was a panel of local leaders sharing on-the-ground perspectives including George Bergen (UE Enclosures), Jennifer Hyde (Leamington Community Hope Centre), and Bryan Rock (Family Services Windsor-Essex) sharing on-the-ground perspectives.

By combining data, lived experience, and meaningful discussion, Voices for Impact fosters collaboration and strengthens our community's ability to respond to complex challenges.

228 FAMILIES GIVEN
COATS THIS WINTER

531 COATS HANDED OUT TO
COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN NEED

TECH CAREERS IN THE AGRI-FOOD SECTOR TRAINING PROGRAM

Growing Careers in Agri-Food

Launched in April 2025 in Leamington and Brockville, this pilot program offers a hands-on pathway into agri-food careers through five weeks of in-class training and a three-week industry placement, combining foundational knowledge with real-world experience.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

140

applicants

50+

participants

75%

of participants are employed

Through expert-led sessions, site visits, curriculum-based learning, and practical placements, participants build valuable technical skills, confidence, and a deeper understanding of the sector.

Supported by 20+ industry partners and offering over 200 hours of training and learning exposure, the program plays a key role in strengthening workforce development, expanding opportunities, and building connections across the agri-food sector.

135 MEALS ON WHEELS CLIENTS SETVED

9070 MEALS DELIVERED



STRATEGIC PLANNING

Planning for Tomorrow, Today

This year, SECC's Board of Directors decided to hire outside consultants to work with SECC to develop a new Strategic Plan. Staff, board, clients, volunteers and community partners were engaged and consulted throughout the process to ensure we received as much information and feedback as possible to inform our strategic direction.

After gathering all of this information, the board and SECC Leadership met for a half-day strategic planning session to review, reflect and identify priorities for the future. By reflecting on our current programs, community needs and evolving challenges, the team identified opportunities for growth and change that will strengthen our impact. This work ensures SECC continues to adapt, innovate and provide meaningful support for the individuals and families we serve—now and into the future.

There is still some work to do before we release the Strategic Plan for 2026-2031, but we hope to make this available to the community in September 2026.



**482
NEWCOMERS
TO CANADA**

**RECEIVED ONE-ON-ONE
ORIENTATION SUPPORT**

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Essex County Homeless Hub	ProsperUs
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