

# **SOUTH WEST EDMONTON COLLABORATIVE**



# Why Collaborate?



- South West Edmonton professionals had an interagency meeting and started the South West Edmonton Collaborative
- Wanted opportunities to have social and professional networking to benefit clients and agencies
- All addressing similar issues; poverty, mental health, early childhood development, family services and crime prevention
- Members include a variety of social service professionals
- Meeting attendee numbers vary from 10 to 25 currently

# How it all began



- 2009 MAPS became a part of South West Edmonton Collaborative
- MAPS facilitated a community engagement meeting at Ellerslie Baptist Church
- Highlighted the community profile and lack of services in south west that required action to facilitate change

# Subcommittees established



Three committees were established following the MAPS meeting. We evaluated the data to determine the needs that appeared the most evident.

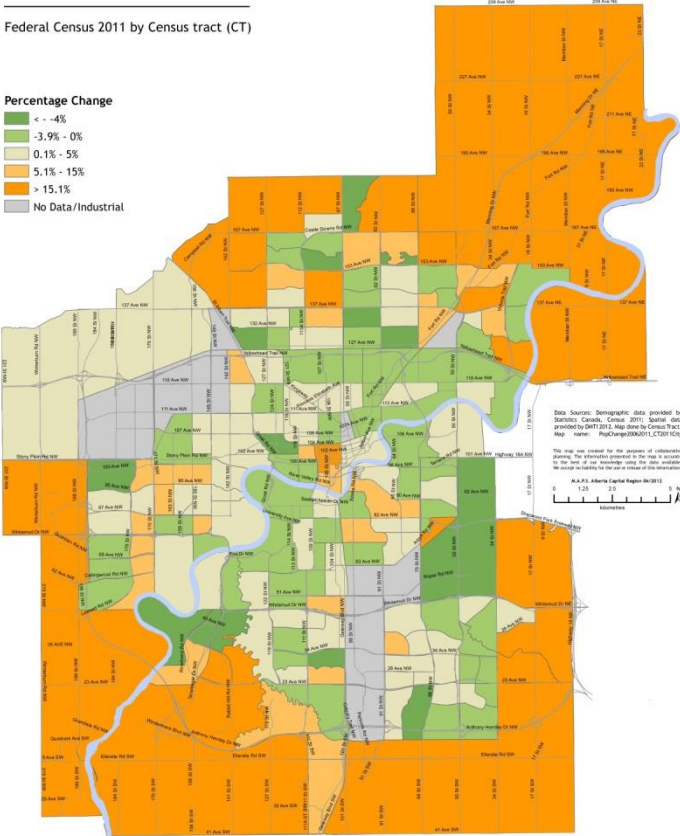
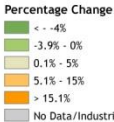
- Newcomers
- Resource Centre
- Faith Based

# Population Change, 2006 to 2011



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Federal Census 2011 by Census tract (CT)



Data Sources: Demographic data provided by Statistics Canada, Census 2011; Spatial data provided by SMT 2011; Map data by Census Tract.  
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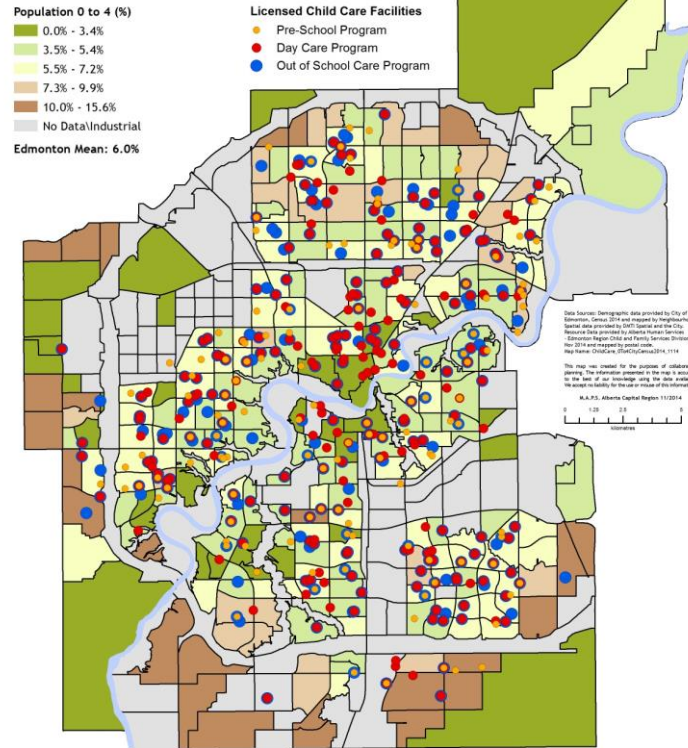
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# Licensed Child Care Facilities with Percent of Population Ages 0 to 4

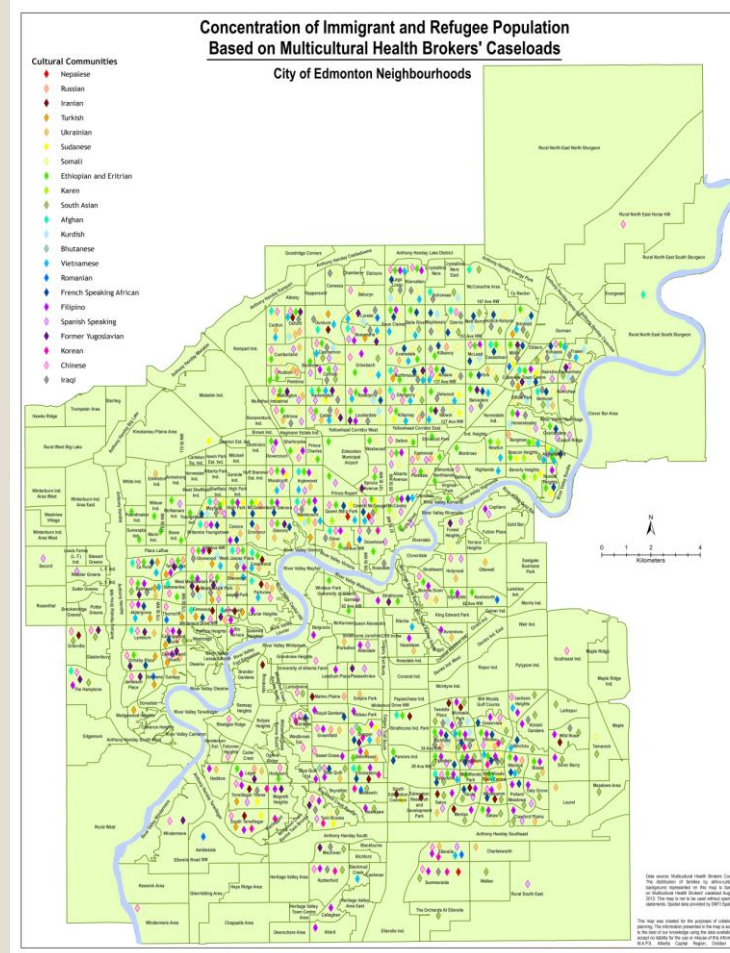


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Municipal Census 2014 by Neighbourhood



# Concentration of Immigrant and Refugee Population



# Main themes that were considered



- Committees did not want to reinvent the wheel; wanted to help existing Edmonton agencies expand their services into south west Edmonton
- Expand proven programming and best practices
- Funding climate at the time was not to create new agencies but support existing ones



# Newcomers Subcommittee



- ASSIST started on the committee in April, 2010
- Supported ASSIST to expand into south west Edmonton
- ASSIST opened a location in Pleasantview
- Supported application to help ASSIST expand the New Horizons weekly drop-in program in southwest Edmonton
- Through the relationship with the South West Edmonton Collaborative, ASSIST and the YMCA collaborated to offer an 8 week summer camp for newcomer children and youth in the summer of 2015 and 2016

# Resource Centre Subcommittee



- Mill Woods Family Resource Centre (MWFRC) started on the committee in December 2012
- Supported MWFRC's offer to deliver pilot projects in south west Edmonton
- Supported MWFRC's application to establish a Parent Link Centre in south west Edmonton which precipitated a name change to **Family Futures Resource Network**
- In 2014, Family Futures Resource Network opened a new Parent Link location at 25 Fairway Drive to serve parents with children aged 0-6

# Currently



- Members reviewed the purpose of South West Edmonton Collaborative and any outstanding gaps in services after newcomer services and Parent Link Centre were established
- Decided that further discussion made it apparent that more services needed to be looked at for south west Edmonton
- Created a youth focus group to explore the needs of youth in south west Edmonton
- MAPS developed a tool to gather information from youth, currently being implemented
- With the support of the subcommittee Family Futures Resource Network is expanding and developing their child & youth and family support services in south west Edmonton