

Monitoring - Nine Month Check-In

The following are questions that are asked at the 9-month mark. The goals of these questions are three-fold: to share the learning from the journey, to share what is still needed, and to alert World Renew to areas of concern. All responses are received in confidence and are treated with great respect and care.

Community Resources / Agencies

1. What settlement services and other community supports have you connected with? What has your experience with these services been like?
2. Were the newcomers able to readily integrate into ESL classes? Did the timing of their arrival coincide with the start of the ESL program?

Budgeting

1. Have you found the budget you established to be reasonable so far?
2. What did your sponsoring group or church do to raise funds for the sponsorship? How successful have they been?
3. Were there unanticipated costs? If so, how did you deal with them?
4. Are you assisting the family with their travel loan?

Relationship with Newcomers

1. How would you describe your relationship with the newcomers?
2. Were there any areas of conflict with the newcomer (and co-sponsor, if applicable)? If so, what were they and how were they resolved?

Team and Congregation Involvement

1. How large is the team or committee that is working on this sponsorship?
2. In what ways has your congregation been involved with the sponsorship, i.e. fundraising, settlement, welcoming, etc.?
3. Has there been sufficient volunteer support from the congregation for the sponsorship? Please describe.

Joys and Challenges

1. What have been the highlights of the sponsorship so far for you? Your committee? Your church?
2. What are some barriers and challenges you have faced in your sponsorship journey?
3. What information or knowledge would have been useful prior to the beginning of the process (in hindsight)?

Integration Outcomes and Month 13 Plans

1. Do you believe the newcomer(s) is on their way to becoming independent? Why or why not?
2. What will be their biggest challenges going forward for these individuals? What supports do they have in place to help them with these challenges?
3. Given how the sponsorship is currently going, what type of support do you think the newcomer(s) will be requiring at the end of the formal 12-month sponsorship?
4. What kind of plan do you have for this transition? How have you managed this transition in past sponsorships?
5. Have you prepared the newcomers for possible job loss after the 12 months are over? Have you talked with them about putting away money in case of job loss or other unforeseeable circumstances?
6. What if, after 12 months, they have a car accident and need a new car and or cannot pay the rent because of unforeseen problems? Do you plan to step in to help? If so, what is your plan?

Conclusion

1. How can World Renew better support you in your work, i.e. communication, resources, check-ins, or the like?
2. What else would you like to share with us about your sponsorship experience?
3. What new questions would you like answered before you move further?