IMPACT 2025 2026

189
clients served for their foreign credentials

16,460
People and organizations served

41 YOUTH
educated in the Get in Gear – trades exploration program

"Definitely after ELT, I can say I am seeing the whole picture of what it is to look for a job in Canada effectively: what to expect in a workplace, how to show my skills, how to speak up — and most importantly, how to be resilient and accept changes and challenges more smartly during this journey."

968 CLIENTS
were placed into jobs across various local companies

"No matter your profession, this class prepares you to integrate into your work environment. The preparation goes beyond customer service. This class has improved my communication skills, boosted my confidence, and built my growth mindset. In fact, I received more than I expected."

7,834
New clients served

"From the very beginning, my Employment Specialist was supportive, encouraging, and resourceful. They not only guided me through the application process but also boosted my confidence when I needed it most. Their insights, advice, and genuine willingness to help made all the difference. Thanks to their efforts, I'm now in a role I truly enjoy and feel excited about my future."

101
Skilled Trades graduates found work in their respective fields

10,245
Information & orientation services provided to Newcomers

"Thank you so much for your support this past year. I really appreciate it, and I will certainly recommend the Centre for Skills. It was a bit daunting in the beginning to relearn how to effectively create resumes that will get noticed and prepare for interviews. Thank you so much for helping me, pushing me, and believing in me to not give up on my job search."

SUSTAINABLE & MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR EVERYONE

SUPPORTED 20
internationally trained professionals transition into Ontario's labour market through the Ontario Bridge Training Program

"I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be part of Workplace Language Training for Customer Service class.... The experience has been both enriching and transformative. I want to sincerely thank the staff for their outstanding guidance and encouragement throughout every step of the journey. Over these two months, I developed valuable new skills and gained confidence in my abilities. I feel prepared and inspired to continue building on what I have learned. Thank you so much for your help and support."

1,015
Clients served through Community Connections Programs

"Four months into my Electrical & Millwright Pre-Apprenticeship Program with Centre for Skills Development and I couldn't be more excited about how much I've learned in this 4 month! I can't say enough about the instructors, thank you for making the learning process both challenging and rewarding."

256,176
language training hours

138 PEOPLE
trained in Pre- apprenticeship Programs

- **13** *John Howard Society - Machining*
- **18** *Women in Skilled Trades – Carpentry*
- **72** *Industrial Millwright-Electrical-Machining*
- **35** *Construction and Residential Electrical Worker*

5,871
Newcomers to Canada served

"I wanted to reach out to stay in touch and also to express my appreciation for all your guidance during the Machining for Newcomers program.

Your detailed way of teaching — especially the step-by-step explanations of the machines, safe operation, and precision techniques — made a huge difference in my understanding. The hands-on coaching on milling, drilling, lathe operation, measuring tools, and setups gave me confidence I never had before working with machinery.

Thank you again for the time, skill, and passion you put into teaching. It truly made a difference. I'm grateful to have had you as a coach and mentor, and I'd be happy to stay connected."

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