



TITLE: **SOUTH ASIAN SKILLED IMMIGRANTS IN GREATER VANCOUVER:
FORMAL AND INFORMAL SOURCES OF SUPPORT FOR SETTLEMENT**

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Research Question:

What sources of information and social networks are used by South Asian immigrants for their settlement in Canada? (ii) Do South Asian immigrants benefit from immigrant services and programs that government and non-government organizations provide in Greater Vancouver?

Importance:

The study reveals sources and networks SA skilled immigrants consider more appealing, reliable, and relevant to the settlement process—both in the short term for new immigrants, and in the long term for SA immigrants overall.

Research Findings:

Friends play a major role in SA skilled immigrants' settlement. The roles of immigrant and settlement services are also valuable, as they provide a human touch and personal and telephone services that help alleviate financial constraints and lack of resources. South Asian skilled immigrants are internet savvy and explore media beyond the well-established recognized media. Thus, the library and alternative media received more attention in the findings and narratives.

Implications:

The study results have much relevance to policy pertinent to South Asian skilled immigrants.