

Information sheet - "Beneficial Integration" program

The "Beneficial Integration" program is a program of the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration, which has been operating since July 2018 by 'Paamonim' - a non-profit organization that aspires to a reality in which families in Israel conduct a balanced economic life.

The program offers assistance, support and accompaniment to immigrants and returning residents, families and individuals after their immigration or return to Israel and its goal is to strengthen and improve processes of socio-economic and personal adaptation and integration.

The program is based on two central worlds of content - the Ruppin Index for Immigrant Integration and a paradigm of poverty-conscious social work and includes placing the family at the center of the intervention while incorporating a community-minded approach.

The "Beneficial Integration" program works in a national deployment while maintaining direct contact with the Ministry of Immigration and Absorption's service region and the relevant regional social worker. In each region, the program staff includes a social worker in 50% full-time employment (FTE) and a family's accompanier who speaks the language relevant to the immigrants in the region.

In total, each year, 500 participants take part in the program - approximately 1500 beneficiaries including spouses and children.

The program includes 6 main intervention axes relating to various aspects of the immigrant's life which lie at the base of the intervention program:

- 1.Exhaustion of rights**- Exhaustion of all the rights according to the family entitlement
- 2.Personal and family empowerment** - Strengthening the individual's as of the family sense of self-efficacy
- 3.Family Economy** - Balanced management of family economy including debt settlement
- 4. Basic living conditions** - improving basic living conditions with regard to housing, basic equipment, nutritional security and health
- 5.Employment** - Improving employment status with regard to work integration, employment scope, work income and satisfaction
- 6.Social and community integration** - reducing feelings of loneliness, strengthening the sense of belonging and increasing social capital

Responses in the program

- . In-depth response** - An individualistic, holistic response meant for participants with motivation, ability, availability and willingness to work together toward a significant change in a number of intervention axes while developing personal and familial skills.
- . Mediation and legal defense** - The response focuses on an exhaustion of rights and mediation with the relevant entities in the community and is meant for participants who have various factors impeding their implementation of an in-depth process.
- .Emergency** - Immediate response meant for participants referred with an acute need related to basic living conditions.
- .Group response** - Lectures and workshops for the program's participants.

Characteristics of the target population

- Families or individuals who are entitled to receive service from the Ministry of Immigration and Absorption.
- A need for one of the program's services in mediation and legal defense or a need of an in-depth response
- A need for intervention and assistance with at least one of the program's six intervention axes.
- Motivation to take part in the program.
- speaking a language which matches the program's staff in the region
- Preferably, participation of both partners during the process.
- Capable of making the most of the professional environment offered in the program
- Aside from exceptional cases, people with acute impediments such as an active addiction, unbalanced mental health, a cognitive impediment, a background of violent behavior or an active family crisis will not be referred to the program.

In order to refer participants, please contact the region's office in accordance with the place of residence and coordinate an appointment with the Ministry of Immigration and Absorption's regional social worker in the appropriate region
<https://www.gov.il/he/departments/bureaus/?OfficeId=27db3169-ab0e-490c-af70-6d03133cb1f3>