

**Pathways to Education  
Winnipeg Site Backgrounder**

**About Winnipeg:**

The city of Winnipeg is located at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, almost at the centre of North America. The northern section of the city includes the communities of North Point Douglas, Lord Selkirk Park and William Whyte where people of Aboriginal descent make up over 70 per cent of high school families.

The communities of North Point Douglas, Lord Selkirk Park and William Whyte wrestle with many of the characteristics common to economically disadvantaged communities, such as poverty, a disproportionate number of low income families and violence.

**Why North Winnipeg:**

The youth in the communities of North Winnipeg are facing various barriers to academic success, including:

- A higher dropout rate than the national or provincial average
- Lack of early childhood education
- High number of parents who suffer from mental health conditions
- High number of children with long-term disabilities
- A strong need and desire for a program like Pathways

Pathways to Education Canada is partnering with the Community Education Development Association to deliver the program in Winnipeg. Community Education Development Association began in 1979 and focuses on the quality of life and education with specific programming in community economic development, community capacity building, and a range of education related programs from early childhood to teacher education. It has expertise working in inner city, multi-cultural neighbourhoods.

**Pathways in Winnipeg:**

In the first year of the program in Winnipeg, 117 students will be eligible to participate in Pathways to Education.

**Host Agency:** Community Education Development Association  
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**Pathways  
Program Director:** Darlene Klyne

**Boundaries:** The catchment area of the Winnipeg Pathways to Education program is within the north section of city and includes the communities of North Point Douglas, Lord Selkirk Park and William Whyte

**Area Dropout Rate  
(pre-Pathways):** Higher than the national or provincial average

**About Pathways to Education Canada – <http://www.pathwaystoeducation.ca>**

Pathways to Education Canada is a charitable organization that helps youth in low-income communities graduate from high school and successfully transition into post-secondary education or training. Pathways addresses systemic barriers to education by providing leadership, expertise and a community-based program proven to lower dropout rates. Founded in 2001, Pathways operates in eleven communities across Canada, with programs in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Manitoba.

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