

# Settlement Services for International Students: Assessing and Meeting Their Needs

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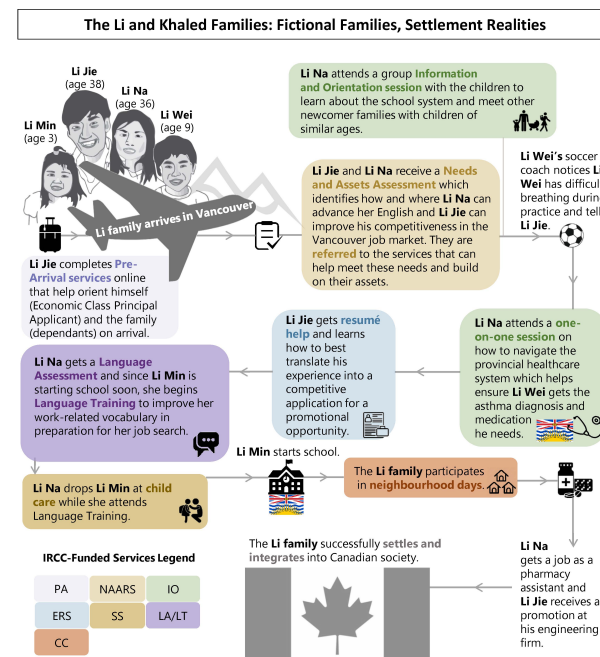
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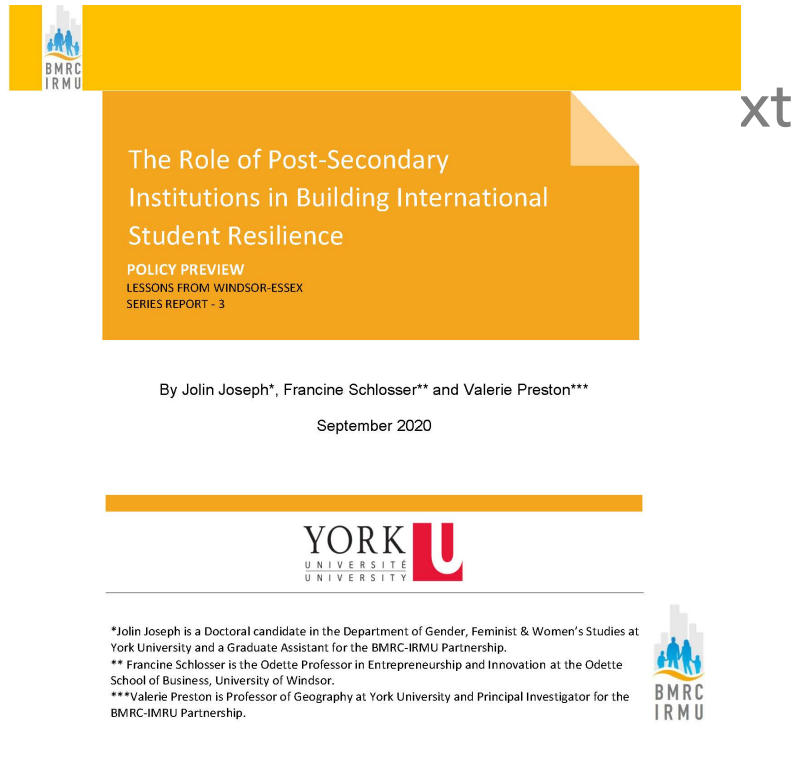
# Main Messages

- International students are unlikely to fit easily into the settlement service framework.
- International students' service needs seem to be dynamic & diverse.
- It is hard to estimate international students' demand for services.

➔ We need to rethink international students.



# Main Challenges Facing International Students



- Jobs
- Limited rights to health care & other public programs
- Financial insecurity



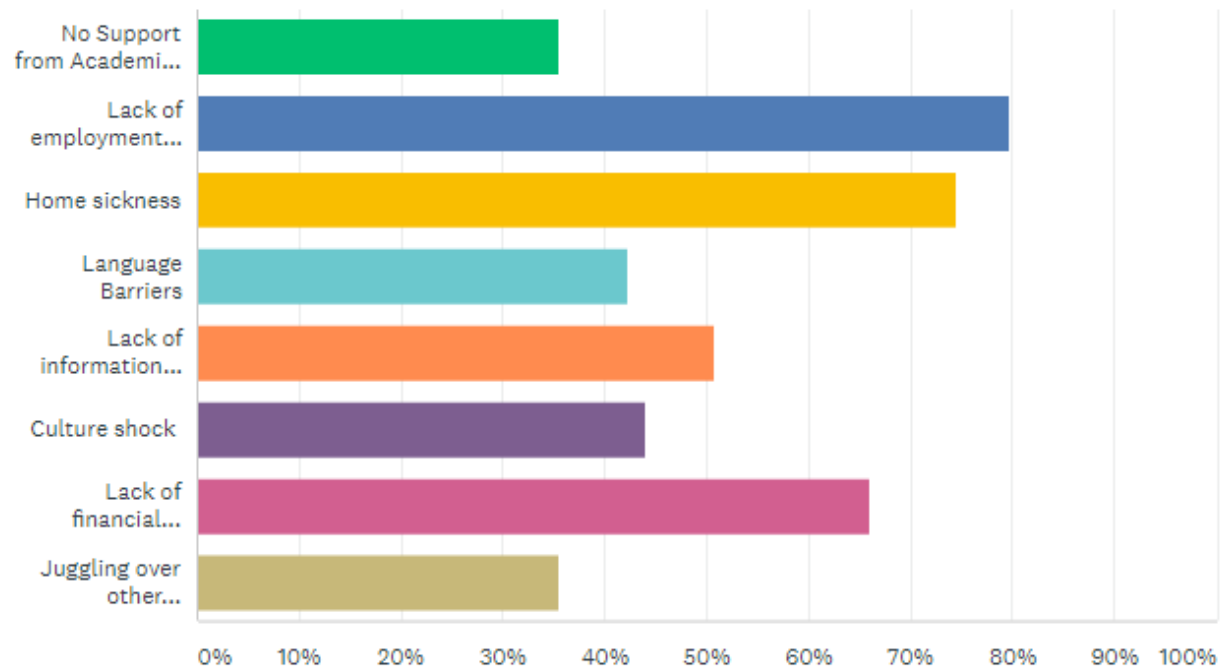
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# Factors Contributing to Mental Health Issues for International Students



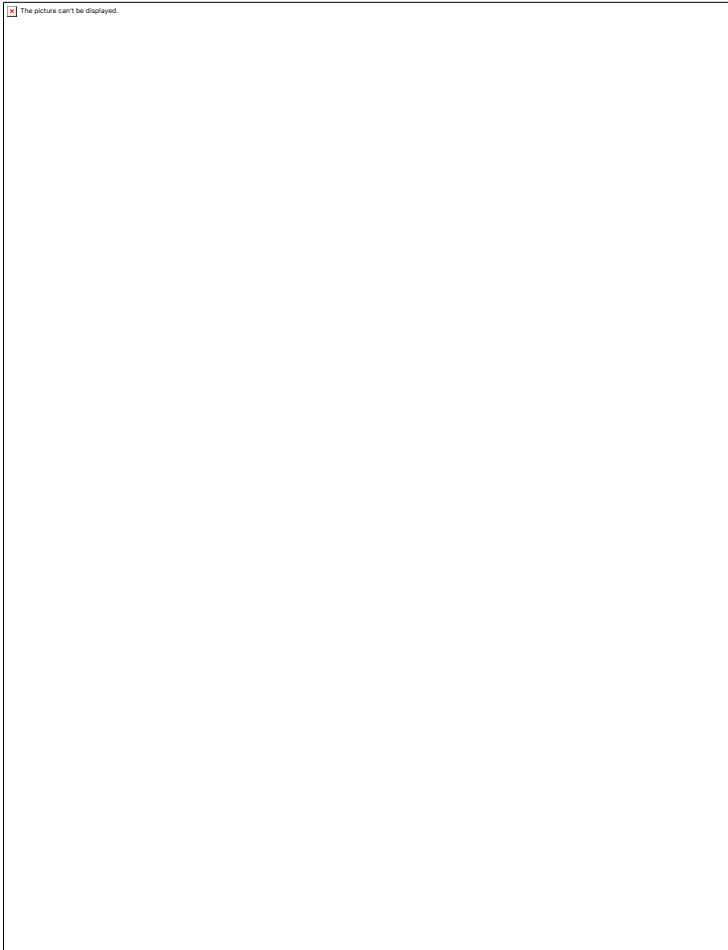
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# Settlement Services for International Students

Build	Build students' awareness of services
Address	Address service gaps & access issues
Promote	Promote multisectoral collaborations
Accommodate	Accommodate diverse and dynamic service needs

# Which Settlement Services?



IRCC.2020.

- Hard to know which services students will use
  - Limited information without prior service usage
  - Needs are dynamic
- Rethink settlement services for 2-step migration, e.g., international students



# For More Information...

- BMRC-IRMU Policy Previews
  - <https://bmrc-irmu.info.yorku.ca/policy-briefs/>
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