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es on providing information, referrals and support. This covers anything from how to open a bank account and how the school system works to how to apply for citizenship.

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For people experiencing culture shock and struggling with mental health, there's a newcomer support coach that can work closely with them to provide mental health support and ensure well-being during challenging times.

Amid the pandemic disruptions, Joanne Graham, a senior program co-ordinator that oversees the settlement team, said in an email that the agency went "above and beyond" to maintain tailored services to clients and students.

Similar organizations,

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- Alice Maroti

namely Halton Multicultural Council Connections and the mentoring program at Sheridan College, have helped Syed in charting his path to employment — from volunteering at a pharmacy to becoming a pharmacy assistant. He now works as a project manager at a pharmaceutical company.

Looking back, Syed said he was motivated to chase his goal and settle in. His family is enjoying life, even the biting winter cold, in a pretty quiet Oakville neighbourhood but still accessible and "in the middle of everything."

His take-away from his

experience is to be flexible and be proactive in seeking advice and support.

"Help is there, but it's not going to come to you," he said. "You also have to fight your way through."

*STORY BEHIND THE STORY: As a destination for many newcomers, we wanted to hear from a local family on their journey on putting down roots in Halton Region and the available support system.*



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