

**When Research Gives (Back) A Voice to Refugees and Immigrants : Co-creating the « Immigrant Parents in Transition » Workshop program**

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The deterioration of settlement and integration conditions for immigrants, both on a public policy level and in the public opinion, brings a certain responsibility for the research community to take on a special role in contributing to balance the power dynamics immigrants find themselves in. Closer collaborations are needed both to ensure the voices of immigrants and settlement workers are heard; as well as to document the challenges they meet and strategies they develop to overcome them. In response to these concerns, an innovative participatory action research partnership was initiated in Montreal between actors from the academic (Université de Montréal), institutional (Quebec's Child Protection Services), and community sectors (TCRI, an umbrella organization grouping immigration, settlement and refugee protection community organizations in Quebec). This partnership resulted in the co-creation of a workshop programme for immigrant parents, in order to support them in the adaptation of their parental role in the context of their migration. This presentation will broach key issues and findings relating to this initiative, as well as reflections on the relevance of participatory action research as a means to elicit meaningful collaborations between immigrants, practitioners, as well as the academic sector.