

THE CISSS DE LA CÔTE-NORD IS IMPROVING INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY, AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AND PHYSICAL DISABILITY SERVICES

Baie-Comeau, November 29, 2021 – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de la Côte-Nord is improving the services offered in the region to people aged 21 years and over who live with an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder or physical disability (ID-ASD-PD).

In fact, the CISSS added two recreation technician positions in Baie-Comeau and Sept-Îles. These two positions will allow us to increase hours of service to users at the work enclave of the Centre d'éducation des adultes de l'Estuaire in Baie-Comeau and to implement one in Sept-Îles. The technicians will also act as integration officers for users in ID-ASD-PD with businesses and organizations of the region. The purpose of a work enclave is to allow users to develop or maintain work-related skills in a supported and supervised environment. Tasks are diverse, but adapted to each participant's profile.

The CISSS has also reached agreements with various organizations in the region to offer services that meet the needs of users and their families, while ensuring the sustainability of their project. A work enclave will be created in Haute-Côte-Nord in collaboration with the Centre d'activités de la Haute-Côte-Nord. This partnership will increase the services to users and their families, who will have the opportunity, among other things, to take part in various workshops on recycling clothes in collaboration with the Centre de services scolaire de l'Estuaire, the Centre d'action bénévole Le Nordest, the Centre de dépannage des Nord-Côtiers and Synergie 138.

Open house days in Haute-Côte-Nord

Two open house days have been organized by the Centre d'activités de la Haute-Côte-Nord to introduce its work enclave to the community and to recruit new participants. The population will have access to the enclave in Les Bergeronnes on Tuesday, November 30th and to the one in Forestville on December 1st. To learn more or to register, please contact Ms. Carolyn Palin at 418 232-1167, ext. 7120.

Another work enclave is being created in Port-Cartier, thanks to an agreement with the Centre d'action bénévole de Port-Cartier. The organization will be able to provide users with enriching experiences through activities already available in their facilities, i.e., its thrift shop, day centre and kitchen (meals on wheels). Participants will have the opportunity to develop new skills, maintain their current skills and develop new relationships. The funding provided by the CISSS also allows the organization to hire a full-time resource to increase the services offered.

An agreement was also signed with Groupe Accessibilité Saint-Augustin. The amount granted will help meet the needs of more users on the Lower North Shore. The organization offers day activities to users and their families to break down social isolation and provide support through respite care.

The CISSS de la Côte-Nord is proud to have established these partnerships with organizations in the region to improve the services offered, better meet users' needs and allow families to benefit from respite time and support at the end of their child's school experience.

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Remember that \$250 000 was granted to the North Shore following a \$16.5M investment from the ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux in October 2020, to give young people aged 21 and over who complete their education access to a day activity or a preparation and support activity for workplace integration, starting in 2020-2021.

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