

## ANNUAL REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF YOUTH PROTECTION / PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS: I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU!

**Sept-Îles, June 14, 2022** – In this 19<sup>th</sup> annual report, the Directors of youth protection and Provincial directors (DYP-PD) across Quebec want to turn it over to the children and teenagers, to listen to them, and to put them front and centre as the main architects of their development.

DYPs have to intervene when the safety and development of a child are compromised. Understanding what may compromise a child's safety is fairly easy, but what about their development? This year, DYPs have decided to answer this question by presenting various innovative programs that are in place in Quebec and that are already having a real impact to support the full development of children of different ages in different areas of their lives.

This year has seen a significant increase in the number of reports processed. Every day, a growing number of children and teenagers are in distress and experience real suffering. DYPs want to be the voice of these young people and assert that there is still much to be done. During the pandemic, children and teenagers have shown that they are strong and resilient. We must listen to them!

### Provincial statistics for 2021-2022

- Directors of youth protection (DYP) have processed 132 632 reports in 2021-2022, compared to 117 904 last year, which represents a **12.5%** increase and an average of 363 situations involving children reported every day in Quebec (40 more than last year).
- Number of reports accepted: 43 688. **This is a 2.3% decrease in reports accepted compared to 2021-2022.**
- The report acceptance rate is **33%**. Last year, it was **37.9%**.
- Once again this year, most reports come from employees of public organizations (**34%**), as proportions have practically not changed compared to the previous years.
- The main living environment of children placed in the care of the DYP remains the family environment (**53.7%**). Once again this year, a greater proportion of children stay with a significant person (**14.7%**).

### Regional statistics for 2021-2022

- **4 479** reports processed, which represents **12** children per day, a **14% increase** compared to last year.
- **1 144** reports were accepted for evaluation, which represents **25.5%** of reports processed.
- The four main problems related to the development and safety of children which require youth protection follow-up are:
  1. Neglect: **24.3%**;
  2. Serious risk of neglect (addiction, mental health, instability): **14.6%**;
  3. Behavioural disturbance: **13.5%**;
  4. Psychological ill-treatment: **12.8%**.

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- After evaluation, **57.6%** of accepted reports concluded that the child's safety or development was compromised.
- **67%** of children placed in the care of the DYP have remained in their home environment or were entrusted to a relevant third person.
- **147** teenagers received services under the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), which represents a 3.2% decrease compared to last year.

**The children would like to tell us...**

To consult the 2021-2022 report:

[www.cisss-cotenord.gouv.qc.ca/documentation/rapports/rapports-du-dpj/](http://www.cisss-cotenord.gouv.qc.ca/documentation/rapports/rapports-du-dpj/).

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