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A satisfactory meeting between the FFARIQ and Minister Lionel Carmant

Quebec, November 17, 2020 - The president of the Federation des familles d'accueil et ressources intermédiaires du Québec (FFARIQ), Geneviève Rioux, is satisfied with the virtual meeting that took place yesterday with the Minister of Health and Social Services, Dr Lionel Carmant. During this second meeting with the Minister, Ms. Rioux had constructive discussions with the Minister on various subjects that are close to the heart of foster families.

"The Minister and I are willing to work together to ensure the well-being and protection of children who are fostered by foster families. At the end of this new meeting with Minister Carmant, I reiterate my availability to continue the dialogue and to share our experiences and observations with him" says Ms. Rioux.

During that discussion, it was particularly questions of cooperation between the FFARIQ and the Ministry of Health and Social Services, the trails solutions put in place to recruit and to promote better retention of foster families, the transition to adulthood of young people in foster care and the report of the Special Commission on the rights of children and the protection of the youth, expected in April 2021.

"There is no doubt that the Minister is listening and ready to take action to support foster families. With the upcoming reform of the *Youth Protection Act*, the 2021 year will be a pivotal year for the children. I got involved with the FFARIQ to protect the young people, a child at a time and I am convinced that together we will succeed to implement sustainable solutions", says Ms. Rioux.

About the Fédération des familles d'accueil et ressources intermédiaires du Québec

The FFARIQ was created more than 45 years ago. It defends the rights and interests of childcare resources, supports them in their commitment to young people, works to improve their working conditions and promotes the partnership between them and the establishments. Since 2009, the FFARIQ has become an association of resources authorized to negotiate a collective agreement, which was signed in August 2012. Its primary mission is therefore to represent the foster homes, ensure respect of the collective agreement, form and inform resources, and promote their work with institutions and the General public. The priority and fundamental value of the FFARIQ is well-being improvement of children placed in stable and committed foster homes.

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