



Prelude to the report of the Special Commission on the Rights of the Child and Youth Protection
Initial findings and promising directions

Quebec, November 30, 2020 – The Fédération des familles d'accueil et ressources intermédiaires (FFARIQ) is pleased with the findings and guidelines made public today in the prelude to the report of the Special Commission on the Rights of Children and the Protection of Youth (CSDEPJ) . For the FFARIQ, the remarks made by the president, Régine Laurent, give confidence in the future to all those who have at heart the well-being of the children of the Youth Protection Department (DPJ).

“On reading this preliminary report, I am reassured to note that we have been heard. I am confident that the final report expected in April 2020 will be the cornerstone of a reform that will give children a voice,” says Geneviève Rioux, President of the FFARIQ.

The challenges of leadership and accountability in the field of youth protection have highlighted the need to appoint a "National Director of Youth Protection" that will implement recommendations issued by the Commission. “The commissioners have of course the urgency to act and I welcome the recommendation aiming to immediately appoint a national director. The person who will occupy this important function should be impartial, have an overall view of children's needs in the direction of the DPJ and possess natural leadership and positive to rally all parties involved, restore the trust and make them accountable institutions ” , concludes Madame 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 foster resources, ensure compliance with the collective agreement, train and inform resources, and promote their work to institutions and the General public. The priority and fundamental value of the FFARIQ is the increased well-being of children placed in stable and committed foster resources.

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