

1. **In view** of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of Quebec's Family Policy, *L a a c c* ;
2. **In view** of the Quebec Government's pledge, at the time of the policy's adoption, to promote child development and equal opportunity;
3. **In view** of the fact that universal access to a high quality of educational services from birth onward promotes equal opportunity;
4. **In view** of the importance of investing as early as possible in the development of young children, to ensure they achieve their full potential;
5. **In view** of the fact that parents are their children's first teachers and what they teach falls within this educational continuum;
6. **In view** of section 1 of the *E ca a C ca Ac* ;
7. **In view** of the fact that intensive, continuous quality education from birth onward has a positive impact on the welfare and development of at-risk children and reduces inequality;
8. **In view** of the fact that all children have a fairly similar pattern of development, but each child is unique and develops at his or her pace;
9. **In view** of the expertise in early childhood that has emerged through research and practice in Quebec over the past 20 years;
10. **In view** of the fact that education contributes significantly to national socioeconomic growth ;
11. **In view** of the fact that Quebec is a signatory of the *C R C* ;
12. **In view** of OECD studies recognizing that quality must come first with early childhood education;
13. **In view** of the fact that education is a fundamental human right and is essential for the exercise of all other human rights, according to UNESCO;

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