Quebec's Context Creates Favourable Conditions

- Family-friendly taxation
- Parental leave
- Reduced-contribution daycare service
- Universal access to kindergarten at age 5
- Perinatal policy
- •10 billion dollars for families

"This assistance puts Quebec at the head of the pack, when compared to the assistance given to

Consequently, we need to !

- Implement a <u>continuum of actions</u> that support child development from conception to school age
- Stimulate <u>participation</u>, not just service consumption, and call on the skills of the parents
- Encourage <u>intensity</u>, <u>continuity and follow-up</u> and take action in every environment frequented by young children
- <u>Personalize</u> the interventions and adapt them to the different contexts and environments
- <u>Follow up</u> on each step to see what lessons have been learned and make the appropriate adjustments
- Support the <u>leadership</u> of those who can make a difference in their organization.

How Avenir d'enfants Came Into Being

- Creation of an early childhood development fund () pursuant to an law enacted in September 2009.
- \$400 million invested over 10 years (2009–2019) jointly by the Quebec Government and the Lucie and André Chagnon Foundation (LACF).
- Quebec's family minister () was given responsibility for the fund.
- The LACF and the Quebec Government, working in partnership, created the NPO that was later renamed Avenir d'enfants.





Our Strategies Main Strategy • Guide and financially support local groups of partners that work in the area of early childhood Supporting Strategy • Transfer and acquire knowledge that supports the stakeholders' skills development and ability to act

Expected Impacts

Greater Action Integration

- After 3 years, in order to support increased action integration, we are implementing an ecosystemic approach geared toward factors that protect children, parents and communities.
- A pilot project with 9 communities has raised real interest in adopting this approach.

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