

# ABITIBI-TÉMISCAMINGUE

## REGIONAL DYNAMICS

Due to very strong partnership culture in Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Québec en Forme's regional partners, in association with the five RCMs, five school boards and six Centres de Santé et de Services sociaux, proposed a regional deployment plan in anticipation of developing the project in Abitibi-Témiscamingue. These partners are Loisir Sport Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Kino-Québec, Villes et Villages en Santé, Écoles en Santé, the Regional Elective Council, the Table des travailleurs en loisirs, the Regroupement des Centres de la Petite Enfance, and the Conseil régional des organismes communautaires.

This strong regional partnership is a major asset for supporting the existing Vallée-de-l'Or LAC and its various territorial committees. All the schools in the RCM are reached (16). The Québec en Forme project is also present in the Lac-Simon aboriginal community. The number of partners is growing steadily, with six new partners added last year.

## LAC STATISTICS

	Vallée-de-l'Or
Number of children <sup>1</sup>	3,316
Number of schools <sup>2</sup>	16
Number of municipalities	8
Number of members	23
Number of partners	17
Number of places available	2,632
Number of activity hours	4,040

## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2005/06

In the Abitibi-Témiscamingue LAC's second year of operation, the effort focused on making a more extensive contribution to improving the efficiency of the programming subcommittees. New partners were approached and agreed to join the LAC. The partners also took the initiative of requesting to have a QEF representative on each committee, which enables a more specific partnership for each community. Steps were taken to give the activity program offered to children more of a local colour.

Creation of a full-time position in the Malartic and Val-d'Or area, along with reorganization of the duties of the six activity leaders/coordinators, made it possible to create quality time for those involved and local partners. They became significant people active in their community.

<sup>1</sup> Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport, September 30, 2005.

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With the support of Québec en Forme, many partners became involved in arranging better access to the various extant infrastructures in the area through:

- Expanding access to aquatic activities in Malartic (in association with the secondary school, Early Childhood Centre, and Maison de la famille);
- Launching a winter slide project in Malartic and Senneterre;
- Organizing improved day camps in Malartic, Senneterre and Val-d'Or;
- Arranging free courses provided by the partners (conflict management, first aid, and leading sports activities);
- Developing concepts for parent-child activities that are highly popular.

All the local partners are also working on publicizing Québec en Forme activities through their websites or organizational newsletter. Moreover, production and distribution of the LAC newsletter, *La Bougeotte*, by LAC partners is not only an example of an interesting achievement, but also creates a record of the numerous undertakings by the Abitibi-Témiscamingue LAC's partners.

### **A prime example of taking charge and influence that pays off**

The Vallée-de-l'Or LAC managed to influence and convince local and regional decisionmakers to give area children access to the local swimming pool. Opening the pool to children meant having qualified lifeguards on hand along with light equipment for aquatic activities.

The LAC's partners made a joint effort to obtain contributions from the Municipality of Malartic for lifeguard training, social clubs for equipment purchases, and the secondary school to identify students who had taken a lifeguard course. As a result of their influence, the pool is now open not only to children enrolled in activities backed by Québec en Forme, but also to families and Early Childhood Centre (ECC) children.

# SERVICE OFFERING

## Breakdown of activity hours by level

	Activity level				
	Recreational	Psychomotor skills	Invitation	Introduction	Competition
Vallée-de-l'Or	5%	37%	24%	15%	0%

## Breakdown of activity hours by time

	Activity time					
	Schedule	Extracurricular	Day	Lunch and recreation	Weekend	Evening
Vallée-de-l'Or	37%	16%	14%	21%	6%	6%

## Breakdown of the program by age and hours

	Age group				
	4-5 years old	6-7 years old	8-9 years old	10-12 years old	Other
Vallée-de-l'Or	32%	40%	23%	5%	0%

## Breakdown of activity hours by sector

	Sector of the organization in charge of the activity				
	School	Community	Sports/Recreation	Municipal	Other
Vallée-de-l'Or	74%	13%	0%	6%	7%

# LAC MEMBER PARTNERS

## Vallée-de-l'Or

Écoles Chanoine-Delisle et Saint-Paul  
Écoles Saint-Sauveur et Saint-Isidore  
École Notre-Dame-de-Fatima  
Écoles Louis-Querbes et C-R-Lalande  
École Golden Valley  
École Amikobi  
Service éducatif CSOB  
Centre d'amitié autochtone de Val-d'Or  
Ville de Senneterre  
Service Sport et Plein Air  
Service Loisirs Malartic  
Villes et Villages en santé de la Ville de Val-d'Or  
Maison de la famille Malartic  
Maison de la famille Val-d'Or  
Maison de la famille Senneterre  
Centre de santé Vallée-de-l'Or  
CPE Bambin-Calin  
CPE Magie du rêve  
CPE Bout-chou casse-cou  
CPE Vallée-des-Loupiots  
CPE Miguam  
L'aile brisée

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