

Echoes

of the QLSCD

Data collection for the 2010 round of the survey has now ended.

The data collected from you and your child will be of inestimable value for current and future generations. We sincerely thank you!

Some results of your involvement

What kind of child care should we choose?

To what degree does the type of child care contribute to a child's development? How can a child in preschool or elementary school derive maximum benefit from child care? To present elements involved in answers to these and other questions about child care, Claudine Giguère and Hélène Desrosiers at the ISQ have just produced a publication entitled "Child Care from Birth to Eight Years of Age: Its Use and Influence on Child Development." This publication was made possible in part thanks to the data you and your child have provided to us over the years.

Effective injury prevention programs

A new publication, "When kissing owies isn't enough: Injuries during childhood," is also directly based on data from the QLSCD. Authors Micha Simard, Karine Tétréault and Hélène Desrosiers clearly demonstrate that even though significant effort has been devoted in Québec in recent years to injury prevention, much work still remains in terms of preventing injuries in children. This publication is a key reference in terms of the development and implementation of injury prevention programs for children.

The "I am, I'll be" website

The number of visits to our website continues to grow every year. In 2009, there were nearly 40,000 hits, compared to only 2,600 in 2005. This trend has continued in 2010, with 23,893 hits from January to May. According to website statistics, the most popular publications are:

- "Excess Weight in Children 4 to 7 Years of Age – Targeting Risk Factors for Intervention" (Fascicule 3, Volume 4).
- "Success Starts in Grade 1: The Importance of School Readiness" (Fascicule 2, Volume 4).

All the publications indicated here in this newsletter can be accessed on the QLSCD website at http://www.jesuisjeserai.stat.gouv.qc.ca/publications_an.htm.

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A word from the coordinator

While your child enjoys a well-deserved vacation, we would like you to know that the QLSCD adventure continues on. Your generous participation has contributed to increasing our understanding of the factors influencing adjustment and success in school. Now we hope to be able to observe the progress of the children in our study as they experience adolescence and beyond.

In addition, various research projects based on QLSCD data continue to be conducted by professors, students and researchers. Thank you for being there for us and contributing to this study which is so important for the health and well-being of our children.

On a more personal note, as someone who has been involved in the QLSCD from the very beginning, I would like to say that we have become very attached to the children in the survey. As my colleague Véronique Dorison at BIP said to me, "We feel like the 2,000 children in the QLSCD are our very own!"

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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