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ASSISTANCE AND REFERRAL CENTER (ARC)						
Project Title						
Community Retention Program in Montérégie-Centre						
Objectives						
This project aims to increase the pool of human resources able to provide services in English in Montérégie-Centre by making the promotion of careers in health and social services, by developing and maintaining a student data bank as well as by holding linguistic and cultural adaptation activities.						
Description						
Over the next 4½ years, the Assistance and Referral Center (ARC) proposes to work in close partnership with a number of partners (public health institutions, community organizations and Riverside School Board (RSB) and New Frontier School Board (NFSB) to foster an environment suitable to promote internships and careers in the health and social services sectors, as well as youth retention in the region of Montérégie-Centre for bilingual English-speaking students.						
Its proposal includes: 1 - Activities of promotion with schools (meetings and video-conferences between high school students and health professionals, development and distribution of promotional tools, open door activities). 2 - Active participation to various regional committees and initiatives related to local and regional employment. 3 - Activities to facilitate the social integration of interns, collaboration with public health partners to encourage recruitment of interns.						
More precisely, targets are: 1 – To reach 300 students via promotion activities in the educational network; 2 –To reach 200 students with the distribution of promotional material; 3 – To reach 25 students via videoconferences with health professionals; 3 – To reach 25 students by holding an information session between a health professional and students. (This activity could be done twice); 4 – To increase to 10 participants in its conversation club* activities with health professionals; 5 – To increase its number of partners in Montérégie-Ouest, more specifically with 2 schools in Candiac.						
Budget allocation	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2018-2023
	\$14,300	\$14,300	\$14,300	\$14,300	\$14,300	\$71,500

* Click [here to access to detailed description](#) of **Linguistic and cultural adaptation activities for health care and psychological service providers** and to related budget allocation.