

# Communiqué de presse

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### Directors of Youth Protection / Provincial Directors' Annual Report **Protecting children is OUR PRIORITY!**

**Saint-Jérôme, September 22, 2021** – This 18<sup>th</sup> annual report, under the theme “Children are our priority!”, showcases DYPs who are resolutely determined to improve what must be improved and highlights their renewed, unflagging and unshakeable commitment to combat child abuse.

The report emphasizes in particular the tremendous work accomplished in the last year by the caseworkers and their colleagues. With great devotion, they proactively worked to support and to stay in touch with the children and their families. Thanks to their attentive presence and their interventions the children were well taken care of and many tragedies were avoided.

#### **Provincial statistics 2020-2021:**

- Number of reports processed: **117,904**, i.e. **323** situations involving children reported each day. **This is a very slight drop in the number of reports processed compared to 2019-2020.**
- Number of reports pursued: **44,728**. **This is a 2.7% increase** compared to 2019-2020.
- The acceptance rate for reports was **37.9%**, compared to **36.8%** last year and **39.3%** in 2018-19.
- The majority of reports came from employees of public organisations (33%); the proportions have remained almost unchanged compared to previous years.
- The main living environment for children in the care of the DYP is still the family environment (**55.4%**). We note that a greater proportion of children remain in their family environment (**13%**).

#### **Regional statistics 2020-2021:**

- Number of reports processed: **11,440**, a slight increase compared to last year (11,199 reports processed in 2019-2020).
- Number of reports pursued: **4,336**, an increase of 429 reports compared to last year.
- The acceptance rate for reports was **37.9%**, compared to **34.9%** last year.
- The majority of reports came from employees of public organisations (**33.3%**), followed by schools (**21.1%**).
- The main living environment for children in the care of the DYP is still the family environment (**61.0%**).

**To read the 2020-2021 annual report and to view the video:** <https://bit.ly/2Xq1PhE> (French only).