



News Release

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**Day of activities dedicated to Prince Edward Island's
bilingual health workers to be held on March 11, 2016**
Étoile Santé Conference and Gala

Summerside, PEI, February 17, 2016 – The PEI French Health Network (PEIFHN) is pleased to announce that a day of activities dedicated to bilingual workers in Prince Edward Island's public and private health care sector will be held on March 11, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Centre Belle-Alliance in Summerside.

The day will get under way with a talk by Pierre Battah, a leadership and workplace specialist who focuses on creating cultures where people collaborate brilliantly and do their very best work. He is a long-time workplace columnist and blogger for CBC Radio and is a member of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers. In 2014, he was a TEDx presenter and, in 2013, he was selected to participate in an intensive leadership development session at Harvard University's Kennedy School, with delegates from around the world.

The talk will be followed by a panel on French-language health services. The panel will consist of a health professional, a client, a consultant, and a student in the health field.

A free luncheon will be provided during which the very first Étoile Santé Gala will take place, along with a review of the success of this campaign over the past year, the goal of which is to recognize health professionals who offer health services in French. An Étoile Santé prize will be presented during the luncheon.

A networking activity will be held in the early afternoon, and participants will be invited to equip themselves by discovering the keys to making an active offer and by visiting various personal and professional wellness booths.

The day will end with a discussion period entitled *Utilisez vos clés pour ouvrir les portes à l'offre active des services de santé en français* [Use your keys to open the doors to an active offer of health services in French].

This day of activities is free, and participants will be reimbursed for their travel expenses (within the province).

A registration form is available at www.santeipe.ca. People are asked to register by Friday, March 4, 2016.

For more information about this event, please contact Patricia Richard by email at info@santeipe.ca or by telephone at 902-854-7444.

The PEI French Health Network is a non-profit organization that collaborates with various partners in order to improve access to quality French-language health services and programs for Prince Edward Island's Acadian and Francophone population. The organization brings together representatives from target community groups, educational facilities, health professionals, health service managers, and the provincial government. It is also one of 16 networks that make up the Société Santé en français. The PEI French Health Network is funded by Health Canada within the framework of the Roadmap for Canada's Official Languages 2013–2018: Education, Immigration, Communities.

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