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A new web site for French Language Health Services for Prince Edward Island.

Charlottetown, April 13, 2006 -- The Prince Edward Island French-Language Health Services Network (PEIFLHSN) is pleased to announce the creation of a French language health services web site for the Acadian and Francophone community on PEI. This new web site will be launched in September 2006.

Visitors to the site will find an on-line French Language Health Services Directory. This resource will be developed to facilitate and improve access to French services, offered by either the government or the private sector. Health care providers who can offer bilingual or French language services are encouraged to contact the PEIFLHSN office for inclusion in the Directory.

Islanders will be able to access current information in French relating to primary health care, as well as links to health promotion, prevention and management of chronic diseases.

French speaking students planning on pursuing a career in health will find information on French language health care training programs, grants and scholarships, residency programs and job opportunities within the health care system.

This web site supports the mission of the PEIFLHSN which is to propose solutions to increase access to French-Language health and social services thereby contributing to the full implementation of the French Language Services Act of PEI.

The production of this project by the PEIFLHSN and its partners (The PEI Ministry of Health, *l'Association des femmes acadiennes et francophones de l'Î.-P.-É.* and the *Société éducative de l'Î.-P.-É.*) is made possible through a financial contribution from Health Canada through the *Société Santé en français*.

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