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ABOUT US

The PEI French Health Network is a non-profit organization that brings together representatives from target community groups, educational institutions, health professionals, health services managers and the provincial government.

The French Health Network is one of the 16 networks that make up the Société Santé en français. We work together on the key focus areas set out in **Healthbound 18-23**.

VISION

The Acadian and Francophone community of Prince Edward Island flourishes by benefiting from quality French-language health services and programs.

MISSION

The French Health Network collaborates with various partners to improve access to quality French-language health services and programs.

MANDATE/OBJECTIVES

- Create a common sharing platform to establish solid and sustainable relationships between health and wellness stakeholders.
- Implement strategies to help communities take charge of their health and wellness in French.
- Educate government officials on the importance of involving bilingual human resources in the planning, organization, delivery and provision of French-language services.
- Educate the Acadian and Francophone community on the importance of requesting services in their language.
- Propose practical solutions for service delivery and implementing health programs in French, based on best practices and the well-being of the Acadian and Francophone population of Prince Edward Island.
- Support the partners so that they can fulfill their respective responsibilities.





2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Claude Blaquière
Co-chair – Seniors' Representative



Michelle Pineau
Vice-chair – Women's Representative



Marcia Arsenault
Treasurer – Parents and Early Childhood Representative



Félicienne Otchoun *(since November 2022)*
Parents and Early Childhood Representative



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Health Professionals Representative



Emily McIsaac
Youth Representative



Isabelle Dasyva-Gill
Société acadienne et francophone de l'Î.-P.-É. Delegate



Emmanuel Nicaise *(until May 2022)*,
Maurice Hashie *(since November 2022)*
Educational Institutions Representative (Collège de l'Île)

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS



Maité Mézierre (Since November 2022)
Co-chair – Acadian and Francophone Community Advisory Committee Delegate



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Shelby Cole (since September 2022)
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Home Care Delegate



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Rebecca Gill
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Acadian and Francophone Affairs Secretariat Delegate

EMPLOYEES



Élise Arsenault
Executive Director / French Language Services Analyst, Health PEI



Annick Mondat Allemann
Communications and Project Manager (until March 2023)



Marie Paule Elomo
Administrative Assistant

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS



**Claude
Blaquière**

Community Co-chair



**Maité
Mézierre**

Government Co-chair

We are proud to present the French Health Network's Annual Report for 2022-2023, which illustrates our ongoing commitment to improving French-language health services. Over the past fiscal year, **we've made significant progress on designating bilingual positions in home care**: a permanent bilingual care coordinator position was created, another temporary full-time project manager position was opened, and a commitment has been made to designate two new bilingual resident care worker positions.

These achievements show that we are already well aligned with the Francophone health care networks' new strategy, **Convergence 2028**, which was recently adopted by the Société Santé en français. The next five years will revolve around four priority lines of action aimed at building community capacity, supporting the development of qualified bilingual human resources, supporting evidence-based decision-making, and actively participating in the evolution of health care services by integrating a Francophone lens. The goal is to increase access to safe, fair and quality French-language health and wellness programs and services through a strong network that unites all key partners.

Our **Board of Directors plays a central role in our success** and will continue to do so to achieve this goal. Thanks to its composition, which is based on both government and community representation, we have an influential voice in the health care sector. Our solid reputation and experience have allowed us to collaborate more closely with government representatives and succeed in creating designated bilingual positions. This approach has also

motivated and engaged health care staff and civil servants to become sources of change and to address complex issues, such as the international recruitment of French-speaking nurses.

The successful implementation of our projects also stems from **our commitment to the community and our strong partnerships**. This year was marked by fruitful collaborations, including with the **Association des Francophones de l'âge d'or de l'Î.-P.-É.** and **Health PEI for Marche vers le futur**, a program sponsored by the University of Ottawa's **Consortium national de formation en santé**. Thanks to this program, fourteen people from West Prince's **Club des cœurs joyeux** were able to complete fall prevention training, thus benefitting from useful resources offered to vulnerable populations in rural areas. We also worked closely with the **Coopérative d'intégration francophone de l'Î.-P.-É.** to create positive change in the health care and immigration systems by improving the recognition and integration of Francophone health care personnel recruited in other countries. This collaborative approach has also led to other notable successes, such as the Healthy Early Years project led by our partner **Cap Enfants**, and the development of numerous resources and activities to better equip families in our community.

Finally, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to our team and to all the members of our Board of Directors. Your commitment and dedication are essential to our success. Together, we will continue to shape an inclusive, high-quality health care system for the Acadian and Francophone community.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Élise Arsenault

Executive Director
French Health Network

Over the past year, we have faced major challenges in the area of human resources, yet we have managed to collaborate actively and strategically to shape a more efficient health care system that is responsive to the needs of the Acadian and Francophone population.

As is the case across the country, **our province is experiencing a human resources crisis, particularly among all levels of health care professionals.** This shortage makes it all the more difficult to fill designated bilingual positions aimed at providing quality French-language health care services. The same challenge also applies to the community sector, and the French Health Network is no exception: staff turnover is a complex issue within our organization, amplified by the constant evolution of health care systems and the large skill-set required. **The precarious nature of our financing and the project-based funding model exacerbate this situation, limiting the development and sustainability of our team, and indeed of the organization as a whole.**

Despite these challenges, **we have made significant progress thanks to a targeted approach that focuses on priority areas such as home care, long-term care, primary health care and human resources.** Clearly identifying key people within the public service has been essential, and the same goes for their commitment to our initiatives. By

actively participating in Health PEI's steering committees and lending them our expertise, we have been able to propose solutions that will improve access to health care for the French-speaking population. We are here to support leaders in securing additional funding to implement special initiatives aimed at increasing French-language services. This support allows them to access the additional human and financial resources they need to ensure systemic change to adapt service delivery models and the resulting operational procedures. The reorganization of home care services is a perfect example of the significant support we have provided to the provincial health care system.

Our collaboration also extends to our community partners and counterparts in other provinces and territories as members of the national Société Santé en français (SSF) movement. Our involvement in this network has maximized our impact by sharing best practices, knowledge and expertise to enhance French-language services, both here in PEI and across the country. **We are proud to be part of this network, and we extend our warmest thanks to the SSF for their ongoing support.**

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Directors and our team for their invaluable contribution to all the hard work we accomplished in 2022-2023!

SERVICES FOR SENIORS

In 2022-2023, great strides were made in the area of services for seniors. The French Health Network was able to lend its support and expertise in a number of projects, including home care and long-term care initiatives. The Home Care project, funded by Health Canada, led to the **creation of a new permanent bilingual home care coordinator position**. The French Health Network also supported three long-term care homes – *Beach Grove, Maplewood and Summerset* – in their efforts to establish bilingual neighbourhoods and services adapted to Francophone seniors. These initiatives have strengthened the availability of French-language care and allowed to better meet the needs of the Francophone community.

HOME CARE

One of the French Health Network's top priorities is to continue supporting Health PEI in setting up and implementing the French-language home care service delivery model. In addition to **integrating active offer of service and language training**, the service delivery model will identify the language of patients and health care staff to improve service coordination in the language of the patients.



Language
accessibility
standards

One of the major milestones of this pilot project, which has so far only been launched in Prince County, is that the French Health Network was successful in positively influencing Health PEI that led to the creation of a new permanent bilingual care coordinator position. It was a long process, as this key position had been identified as a staffing priority in 2019 and was only filled in October 2022 by Melissa Long, but it is a crucial step that will greatly improve the offer of services in French. In fact, thanks to this project, **19 Francophones now have access to services in French offered by Melissa Long, bilingual care coordinator**.

Staff training efforts are ongoing. The French Health Network played a major role in reviewing the **active offer training** developed by the **Network of Northern Ontario** and adapting it for Prince Edward Island. **Nearly 50 employees from home care offices in Prince County took this training in March 2023, and training sessions continue to this day.**

It should also be noted that, thanks to this project, Health PEI has acquired the HSO (*Health Standards Organization*) standard and aims to achieve *Discovery Level 1* in the coming year. This standard will allow us to carry out a self-assessment of home care in both official languages, identifying areas for improvement to ensure safe, high-quality services. The assessment will support our goal of continuously improving services offered in French.

Finally, the French Health Network team continues to support and meet with the steering committee on a regular basis to work on integrating the Francophone lens into the home care transformation project. The project is ongoing and will be launched in Queens and Kings counties once the Prince County pilot project has been assessed.

LONG-TERM CARE

The French Health Network has also been a driving force in the Long-Term Care project, working with *Beach Grove Home* (Charlottetown), *Maplewood Manor* (Alberton) and *Summerset Manor* (Summerside) to meet the needs of French-speaking residents.



To date, **10 of the 14 targeted positions at Beach Grove have been officially designated as bilingual.** However, recruitment for these positions remains a challenge.

We also worked with Health PEI to secure funding to extend the long-term care project at *Maplewood Manor* for another two years. For several years now, the French Health Network has been encouraging collaboration between the school-community centre, the **Comité Rév. S.E. Perrey** and the **Club des cœurs joyeux** to organize activities bringing together residents of *Maplewood Manor* and members of West Prince's Acadian and Francophone community. Thanks to very active cultural programming, this outreach initiative is still ongoing. For example, since February 2023, *Maplewood Manor* welcomed activities with Acadian and Francophone artists as well as art therapy sessions offered by Lynn Gaudet.



At *Summerset Manor*, **21 of the 26 beds in the bilingual household are currently occupied by French-speaking residents**, which confirms that the project is meeting a real need in the community. The committee representing the bilingual household residents is very active and meets every two months. The last meeting took place on March 31, where the members discussed the possibility of organizing special outings for the residents, as well as improving the gardens and terraces by planting flowers.



Health PEI remains a very committed partner in improving the delivery of services to the French-speaking population of our province and has shown an interest in using Accreditation Canada's new official languages standard in health care. This clearly illustrates Health PEI's desire to consolidate its achievements in the area of French-language long-term care services, while still continuing to improve these services.



The French Health Network plays a supporting role in the *Healthy Early Years (HEY)* project led by **Cap Enfants**. We coordinate the project and facilitate communication with the **Société Santé en français (SSF)**. The French Health Network also supports the partners on the HEY steering committee by helping them plan, manage and implement projects related to the health of children aged 0 to 6.

In 2022-2023, the *Healthy Early Years* project showed a strong commitment to families and the Francophone community of Prince Edward Island through dynamic regional programming, a newly developed diversity and inclusion kit, evenings of meaningful interactions, and initiatives aimed at promoting and supporting children's health in French.

ENHANCED REGIONAL PROGRAMMING

The *Healthy Early Years* project supported the implementation of enhanced regional programming in PEI's six Acadian and Francophone regions. Each region received \$3,000 in funding to plan and organize French-language health activities geared towards children aged 0 to 6 and their families. A total of **434 children and 304 parents participated in 15 activities**. The events varied from place to place and covered topics such as nutrition, fine motor skills, childhood illnesses and language development. These initiatives helped strengthen ties between families and French-language health services by creating an environment in which young children can flourish.



PHASE 3 OF THE HEY KITS

Cap Enfant worked with the **Fédération des parents de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard** to design and produce a **kit on diversity and inclusion**. This new kit includes two explanatory binders, a glossary of words with their definitions, books, puzzles and games that encourage children to learn in French. The kit follows the same format as the themed kits created in 2019-2020 to ensure the coherence of the program.





INCLUSION OF HEALTHY EARLY YEARS (HEY) IN SOIRÉES VOIR GRAND

The HEY project expanded its reach by partnering with the *soirées Voir Grand* led by **Fédération des parents**. These regional and provincial learning events are designed to be welcoming and fun, offering families the opportunity to strengthen their sense of belonging to the Francophonie while acquiring practical tools to support their children’s development in French. Five *soirées Voir Grand* were organized throughout the year, each bringing together families from the six Acadian and Francophone regions. These events played an important part in raising families’ awareness of French-language health resources and promoting children’s development.

SOIRÉES JASETTE

Soirées Jasette were set up to better meet the needs of families. The activity covered relevant topics such as new routines for young children with autism spectrum disorders, infant nutrition, childhood illnesses, fine motor skills, youth brain function and language development. These evenings were an opportunity for parents and caregivers to get together and exchange valuable information and useful strategies pertaining to the health and wellness of their children. In total, **18 people benefited from these sessions, which were offered face-to-face or virtually to increase accessibility.**

PROMOTION AND USE OF TOOLS CREATED SINCE LAUNCHING THE HEY INITIATIVE

Bookmarks were produced to promote the program’s tools, including the health passport and the helping tree. These bookmarks were distributed to families to increase the visibility of available French-language resources that support children’s health and wellness.



PORTRAIT OF FAMILIES ACCORDING TO THE 2021 CENSUS

A document profiling families with at least one child under the age of 7 is currently being developed based on *2021 Census* data. The French Health Network is working on the project with a consultant, Mylène Dault, and a bilingual report will be available shortly. This document will provide crucial information on the demographic characteristics of French-speaking families and the changes noted since previous censuses, allowing us to better understand how social determinants are affecting our target clientele and further direct the efforts of the Healthy Early Years project to better meet the needs of families and improve services.

THE FRENCH HEALTH NETWORK IN FIGURES



DIRECTORY

The directory contains a list of French-speaking or bilingual health care professionals who offer health care services in French. It was developed to facilitate access to French-language health care providers for Acadians and Francophones living in PEI.





BON APPÉTIT



PEI School Food Program Inc. (PEISFP Inc.) is a not-for-profit organization responsible for the successful development and delivery of Bon Appétit, the healthy school lunch program available in all public schools across Prince Edward Island.

After establishing PEISFP Inc. in 2020 and taking over program operations from the Provincial Government of Prince Edward Island in July 2021, PEISFP Inc. has focused on building a solid foundation for the organization, while also improving the quality, consistency, and safety of meal options for Island students.

Five of six CSLF schools operate their school lunch program in partnership with the community centre or daycare in which they share the space, to provide healthy and affordable meals to students in their schools. PEISFP Inc. provides expertise by reviewing menus and providing feedback, sharing program communications, supporting the Pay-What-You-Can Program, and more. The five schools operating their own programs facilitate ordering at the school level, but their PWYC programs are subsidized by our organization. **During the 2022-23 fiscal year, 62,579 meals were reported to have been provided to students at these schools.**

The remaining school, École St. Augustin uses the vendor model since they do not have the facilities to prepare meals on-site. École St. Augustin has the second highest participation rate in all schools of 52.61%. Approximately 198 meals are served to École St. Augustin from PEISFP vendor, Route 2 Diner per month.

In March 2023, PEISFP Inc. hired a Food Service Manager of School-Based Programs to lead the food service team, and support with school relations in both Public Schools Branch (PSB) and la Commission scolaire de langue française (CSLF) schools. This school year, visits to all CSLF schools were conducted, where discussions were had with program Directors and when possible, school principals. The purpose of these visits was to understand the existing practices by observing lunch service, discussing program successes and challenges, and seeking opportunities for more program engagement with the CSLF school community.

To continue to support CSLF schools with PEISFP services as efficiently as possible and diminish current challenges, a pilot program to commence in September of 2023 is proposed. The pilot program would have at least one CSLF school onboarded to the PEISFP website and ordering system, adopting PEISFP menu for the 2023-2024 school year. The remaining CSLF schools will have contract amendments to include items such as requirements for recipe costings, reports, and ordering cycles.

PEISFP Inc. looks forward to continuing to work with CSLF schools and their food service providers to provide healthy and affordable meal options in the 2023-24 school year!

IMMIGRATION

In 2022-2023, the PEI French Health Network (PEIFHN) continued to collaborate with the **Coopérative d'intégration francophone de l'Î.-P.-É. (CIF)** on issues surrounding the recruitment of nurses from abroad. Since there have been major changes in the teams involved, both at Health PEI and the Department of Health and Wellness, a number of meetings were organized to revitalize the project, which has helped maintain its momentum. Furthermore, the provincial government seems very interested in supporting this initiative, which would help alleviate the shortage of qualified health care staff in the province.

In its latest budget, the provincial government also announced the implementation of a Francophone immigration strategy. This strategy aims to attract more French-speaking immigrants in order to meet bilingual labour needs in various sectors, including health, education and early childhood. The PEIFHN met with the **Acadian and Francophone Affairs Secretariat** team to ensure that current immigration and health initiatives, particularly the recruitment of French-speaking nurses trained abroad, are fully integrated into this new strategy.

Additionally, the PEIFHN team worked closely with the **College of Registered Nurses of PEI, Health PEI and the PEI Immigration Office** to prepare explanatory material for the **Destination Acadie** recruitment mission. The purpose of this documentation is to clarify the steps required to practice as a nurse in the province, particularly in terms of obtaining visas and diploma recognition.



FRANCO-SANTÉ

Thanks to this year's Franco-Santé project, our team was able to carry out three activities promoting opportunities in the health sector to Francophone students. Between November and March, the team set up an information booth at a mini-fair targeting nursing and resident care students at **Holland College** campuses in Charlottetown and Summerside. The French Health Network also offered a virtual presentation to approximately one

hundred health students at the **University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI)**. These various initiatives helped raise the profile of the organization by presenting its services, tools and available resources, such as the annual recruitment campaign for future health care professionals. The students also saw concrete examples of bilingual jobs in the province to illustrate the scope of career opportunities.

SALON DU LIVRE

The French Health Network is a proud partner of **Salon du livre de l'Î.-P.-É.**, an event held in PEI every two years. For the 2022 edition, we were pleased to sponsor lectures by **Geneviève O'Gleman**, a nutritionist and author of numerous

popular cookbooks, as well as host of the Radio-Canada program *Savourer*. The talks provided an opportunity to learn how to cook healthy and affordable meals.



RENDEZ-VOUS SANTÉ EN FRANÇAIS 2022

In November 2022, the French Health Network took part in the *Rendez-vous Santé en français*, organized by the **Société Santé en français**. More than 400 participants from various fields of intervention and from across Canada were

given the opportunity to interact during the event, showing a commitment to the health of Francophone minority communities. Director Élise Arsenault took part in a virtual panel to present the PEI bilingual health card model.

A banner for the event "Rendez-vous Santé en français 2022". On the left is a blue wireframe map of Prince Edward Island. In the center is a logo for "20 ans D'ENGAGEMENT SOLIDAIRE" featuring a circle of hands in various colors. On the right, the text reads "RENDEZ-VOUS SANTÉ EN FRANÇAIS 2022" in large white and green letters, with "Du 8 au 10 novembre 2022, en virtuel" in smaller pink and white text below it.

20 ans
D'ENGAGEMENT SOLIDAIRE

**RENDEZ-VOUS SANTÉ
EN FRANÇAIS 2022**
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MEDICAL STUDENTS

Thanks to the Acadie-Sherbrooke partnership, students will now be able to complete their full medical training at the **Centre de formation médicale du Nouveau-Brunswick (CFMNB)**. Starting next fall, new enrollments into the medical program from Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia will be assigned to the **CFMNB** in Moncton, and students currently in Sherbrooke will have the option of transferring to Moncton. The CFMNB is a joint campus of the **Université de Sherbrooke** in Quebec.



**CENTRE DE FORMATION MÉDICALE
DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK**

PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN

RECRUITING FUTURE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

In April 2022, the PEI French Health Network (PEIFHN) launched its promotional campaign to recruit future bilingual health care professionals. Each year, the PEIFHN awards two participation prizes of \$1,500 each to Francophone or Francophile students from PEI enrolled in a post-secondary health program. Another \$500 prize is also awarded to an out-of-province or international Francophone student who is enrolled in a health-related program in PEI.

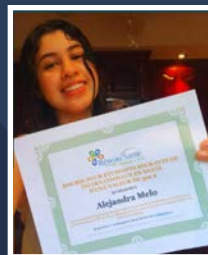
The recruitment campaign was a success, with a total of **46 students added to the database – nine more than last year.**



ADÈLE ARSENAULT

Ongoing Education Award
for Health Student (\$1,500)

Doctor of Medicine student
at the **University of Ottawa**



ALEJANDRA MELO

Migrant or International
Student Award (\$500)

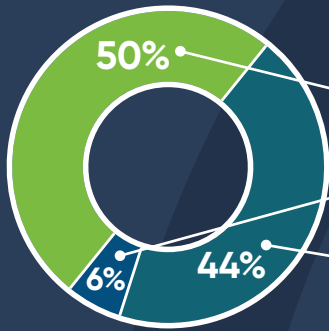
Originally from Mexico, Alejandra has been enrolled in the Licensed Practical Nurse program at **Collège de l'Île** since September 2021.



GRACIE GAUDET

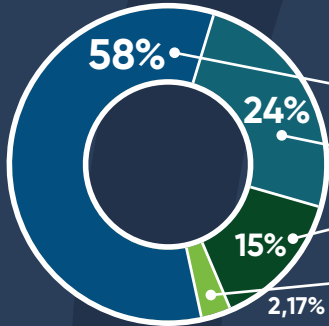
Gracie Gaudet – Health Student
Entrance Award (\$1,500)

Kinesiology student at
University of Prince Edward Island



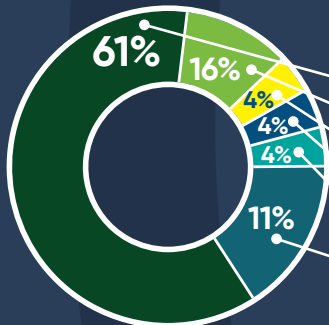
STUDENT PROFILE

- PEI graduates from French high schools entering a post-secondary health program beginning in September 2023
- Francophone students from PEI already enrolled in a post-secondary health program
- Francophone students from other countries enrolled in a post-secondary health program in PEI during the 2022-2023 academic year



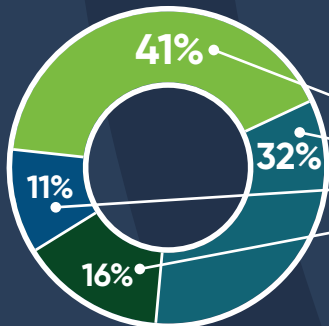
SECONDARY EDUCATION

- 27 candidates attended a French immersion school
- 11 candidates graduated from a French school
- 7 candidates graduated from an English school
- 1 candidate attended another type of school



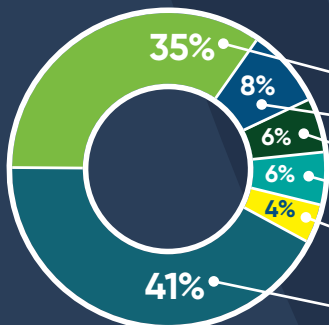
INSTITUTIONS CHOSEN BY STUDENTS

- University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI)
- University of Moncton
- Holland College
- Dalhousie University
- Collège de l'Île
- Other institutions in the Maritimes, in Quebec and in Ontario were also mentioned by a number of candidates



REGISTRATIONS BY PROGRAM

- Nursing (19 candidates)
- Bachelor of Science (15 candidates)
- Kinesiology (5 candidates)
- Other selected programs: pharmacy technician, bachelor's degree in food and nutrition, bachelor's degree in applied radiography, doctor of medicine, licensed practical nurse, medical sciences and respiratory therapy



POSITIONS TARGETED AT THE END OF STUDIES

- Nurse (16 candidates)
- Family Doctor (4 candidates)
- Licensed practical nurse (3 candidates)
- Oncologist (3 candidates)
- Nurse practitioner, psychologist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist (2 candidates each)
- Other targeted professions: cardiac surgeon, dietician, travel nurse, radiologist, respiratory therapist, anesthetist and veterinarian.

LINGUISTIC VARIABLE AND SERVICE PLANNING

In 2022, the PEIFHN was involved in creating the report commissioned by Health Canada on the **experience of the bilingual health card in PEI**, the results of which were then presented to the leaders of Health PEI to strengthen resources and contribute to the overall strategy of the provincial health system.

These interactions at both the federal and provincial levels demonstrate the French Health Network's ongoing commitment to gathering

language data from patients and health care professionals in order to facilitate the expansion of French-language services for Islanders.

Our team also supported Health PEI in reorganizing its operational processes for the delivery of health services, including the integration of a French-language lens by taking into account the language of patients via their health card to better refer them to French-language services from the outset of their care.

ÉTOILE SANTÉ

Through this project, the French Health Network invites members of the community to nominate their "Étoile Santé" ("Health Star"), a French-speaking health professional who has provided them with health services in French. The French Health Network then creates profiles of these individuals to highlight their role in enhancing the accessibility of French-language health services in Prince Edward Island. **Since the initiative began in 2014, nearly forty people from the health care sector have been recognized for their exceptional work in a minority language environment.**



This year, the French Health Network featured nine individuals nominated by members of the community:

Do you know someone who works in the health field in PEI and who speaks French? You can **nominate** them as an **Étoile Santé** and allow the Health Network to offer them gifts!

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Karen Langevin
Yoga Instructor



Nathan Arsenault
Medical Laboratory Technologist



Shawn Martin
Harm Reduction Coordinator



Jillian MacLellan
Cardiology Technologist



Kathy Tanguay
Dental Hygienist



Phalonne Makouteu Mbe
Resident Care Worker



Josée Gallant-Gordon
Mental Health Therapist



Constance Gilman
*Recreation Program Manager,
Maplewood Manor*



Alexandre Cuffley-Hébert
Physiotherapist

HONORARY ÉTOILE SANTÉ AWARD

In January 2023, the French Health Network presented an honorary Étoile Santé award to the **Centre scolaire-communautaire Évangéline** and its volunteers for their exceptional contribution to the well-being of the Evangeline region through the **Evangeline Meals on Wheels program**, a home delivery meal service.

Since the **Évangéline Meals on Wheels** project was launched in August 2021, **more than 4,000 meals** have been served to some 30 people. Participants receive two meals a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. What's more, food is prepared by Chef Andrew Fisk, owner and chef of the *À la Cuisine* catering service, who uses local ingredients and adapts each meal to the dietary restrictions and requirements of the customers. As well as offering balanced, quality meals, this program helps to break the isolation of Island seniors and creates a bond with the dedicated volunteers who deliver the meals each week.



ÉTOILE MONTANTE

The Étoile Montante campaign was launched in 2020 to recognize French-speaking students who are studying in a health-related field. It gives us an opportunity to acknowledge their presence as well as their commitment to increasing access to French-language health care services in the province.



After being nominated by the French Health Network or a member of the public, the selected students receive the special Étoile Montante title in recognition of their imminent arrival in the health care workforce.

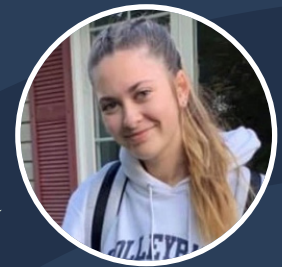
This year, the campaign highlighted the career ambitions of 11 French-speaking students in health-related programs. The campaign was also featured in the French newspaper *La Voix acadienne*.



Trishtee Boojharut
Bachelor of Food and Nutrition Sciences – Dietetics

“Given the Acadians and Francophones living on the Island, we need services in French. It’s very important to be able to understand someone who is speaking in French as well as to explain something to them in French.”

Sarah-Ève Roy
Bachelor of Nursing



“In PEI, we have people who only speak French. It can be difficult for them to communicate their needs, especially in a more vulnerable setting like a hospital. That’s when you most need to understand what’s going on with you and what’s going to happen. It’s important to have people you can talk to and who understand you.”

Jenny Richard
Bachelor of Social Work



“It’s important to give young Francophones a voice and the opportunity to do things in French within and for their community.”



Renée Gardiner
Bachelor of Nursing

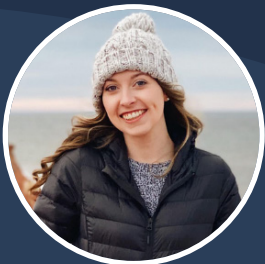
"We could always speak both languages at home. My parents enrolled us in the French school system because they both thought it was the best thing for us – that it would make it easier for us to get better jobs and to just have a better quality of life."

Isabelle Spinney
Bachelor of Nursing – Accelerated program



"I'm very proud to be Acadian, and I think it's important to preserve our culture. All patients should have access to health care in their first language if at all possible."

Kyra Doyle
Bachelor of Nursing



"It's really important to be able to speak French, because a lot of nursing home residents only speak French."

Liam Payne
Doctor of Medicine



"I can't recommend studying medicine enough. If you are passionate about the natural sciences and want to apply that passion for the benefit of others, consider a career in health care!"

Mariah Buchanan
Bachelor of Nursing



"I always wanted to be a nurse. There are lots of nurses in my family too, like my mother, my aunts and my grandmother. I thought it must be fun, so I'm going to do it."

ÉTOILE MONTANTE



Myriam Cyr
Doctor of Medicine

"French-language services are vital to ensure that the Francophone community and the French language can continue to flourish on the Island."

Oviado Albert Tchakounte
Human services



"Many of my Francophone colleagues leave to work in French-speaking regions after their studies, because they don't speak English and it's difficult to find a job here. If services were offered in French, they would be able to stay and work in PEI, which would in turn help to grow the Island's Francophone community."



Colby Arsenault
SSVD – Pharmacy technical assistant

"I have always loved helping people, and I saw myself in the health field from a young age. I couldn't really see myself doing anything else."



Do you know someone in PEI who is studying in health and who speaks French? You can **nominate** them as an **Étoile Montante** and allow the Health Network to offer them gifts!

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2022-2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PEI FRENCH HEALTH NETWORK

Supplementary Annex of Income and Expenditure by Sector

For the year end of March 31, 2023

	NETWORKING	PROJET FRANCO-SANTÉ (FRANCO-PROFESSIONS)	HEALTHY EARLY YEARS	IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA	2022-2023	2021-2022
REVENUS						
Subsidies - SSF	153,696	5,162	15,000	35,000	208,858	229,674
Other Revenue	4,427	-	-	-	4,427	2,000
Interest Income	361	-	-	-	361	6
Total	158,484	5,162	15,000	35,000	213,646	231,680
EXPENSES						
Professional fees	29,724	4,893	12,458	30,000	77,075	89,861
Wages	81,037	-	878	3,059	84,974	87,019
Travel	6,890	143	126	1,808	8,967	5,687
Equipment	3,343	126	-	-	3,469	19,462
Office Equipment	17,055	-	1,538	-	18,593	13,247
Audit Fees	3,300	-	-	-	3,300	3,538
Rent and Utilities	10,971	-	-	-	10,971	11,243
Maintenance and Repair	-	-	-	-	-	214
Other Expenses	2,611	-	-	135	2,646	2,535
Total	154,931	5,162	15,000	35,002	210,095	232,806
EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR	3,553	\$ -	\$ -	(\$2)	\$3,551	(\$1,126)

*All projects funded by the SSF (Société Santé en Français) are funded by **Health Canada**, with the exception of the Healthy Early Years project which is funded by the **Public Health Agency of Canada** and the immigration file, which is funded by **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada**.



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