

The Quebec Grandparents Association



Association des
Grands-Parents
du Québec

**For the love of our
grandchildren**

**Phone line services:
From 10h00 to 22h00**

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Objectives

- To help grandparents and elders living difficulties in a family context.
- To offer phone line and reference services to grandparents.
- To develop and set up a help line and information network for grandparents and families to share their concerns as well as their life experiences in a climate of trust and respect.
- To re-establish and reinforce bonds between the generations.
- To increase authority, media and public awareness of the real life problems grandparents and families go through.
- To promote the respect of family values and the history of family roots to help the next generation develop better.
- To bring together the grandparents and the people who share these concerns and the objectives of the Association.



Activities



- Interviews
- Symposiums
- Conferences
- Sharing Groups
- Lawyer References
- Individual Meetings
- Phone Line Services
- Psychologist References
- Representation with Political Authorities
- Monthly Information Meetings
- Last activities: Representation with government authorities. Conferences in front of social groups from varied parts of Quebec during trade shows, as well as exhibition stands. Interviews with TVA, CBC, TQS, the LCN Network and several local medias of Quebec. Symposiums on problems grandparents go through when their grandchildren are adopted by strangers.

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Who are we?

The Grandparents Association of Quebec is an organization that helps grandparents, families, grandchildren as well as elders. It raises also authority and public awareness of problems encountered.

More and more so because of family break-ups, the non-custodial parent loses contact with his/her children. The relationship between grandchildren and the grandparents and the extended family is often broken.



When parents are unable to care for their children, these are then entrusted to foster families chosen by the DYP, without any regard to affective or emotional bonds and ties with their grandparents, uncles, aunts, etc. The possibility for the extended family to take over the responsibilities is ignored. Worst of all, according to the law, in cases of adoption, the biological grandparents no longer exist.

Excerpts from the Quebec Civil Code



611. In no case may the father or mother, without a grave reason, interfere with personal relations between the child and his grandparents.

Failing agreement between the parties, the terms and conditions of these relations are decided by the court.

33. Every decision concerning a child shall be taken in light of the child's interests and the respect of his rights.

Consideration is given, in addition to the moral, intellectual, emotional and physical needs of the child, to the child's age, health, personality and family environment, and to the other aspects of his situation.

577. Adoption confers on the adopted person a filiation which replaces his or her original filiation.

The adopted person ceases to belong to his or her original family, subject to any impediments to marriage or a civil union.

Youth Protection Act

3. Decisions made under this Act must be in the interest of the child and respect his rights.

6. The persons and courts called upon to take decisions respecting a child under this Act must give this child, his parents and every person wishing to intervene in the interest of the child an opportunity to be heard.

"(...) contacts between grandparents and their grandchildren constitute a great enrichment, for the children, the grandparents as well as society. They are undoubtedly great source of joy, love, learning and knowledge (and vice versa). Contact between generations are in fact a unique source of mutual contribution, not only valuable but indispensable, and this once again, both for those involved as for the society as a whole."

Excerpts of Family Rights 2216 (1995)
R.J.Q. 1734, 1738 (C.S.) Judge Jean-Pierre Sénéchal

We need you

- To help us help grandparents, families and grandchildren.
- To help us increase authority, media and public awareness of the problems grandparents, families and grandchildren face.

How can you help?

- By joining the Association (20\$ a year per person)
- By making a donation
- By becoming a volunteer

You need only fill out the form herewith. We thank you for your support. For more information, we invite you to contact us.

Phone: 514-745-6110

I wish to become a member of the Quebec Grandparents Association

Name: _____ Surname: _____ App: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Tel: _____
Email: _____ Date: _____ Member fee: 20.00\$