

The Special Conference *Bulletin*

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Multiage grouping, a promising educational format

It is with extreme excitement that I announce to you the creation of an association that is devoted to promoting the education of young children through multiage grouping. Various people experienced in the field of childcare have joined together to create a network and to connect the theory and practice of multiage grouping.

A movement is emerging and in motion in Quebec to encourage multiage grouping in childcare center installations. Concerning home childcare of CPEs, its development has consisted of this type of childcare which functions essentially in a multiage grouping educational context, a reality which can no longer be ignored.

These reasons lead us all to believe that multiage grouping is a project with a prospective future which merits the interest of those who wish to improve the quality of care of children in childcare centers.

Manon Ladouceur,
President of the QMA and
Pedagogical assistant in a childcare
center.



Birth of The Association Québécoise pour le Multiâge

The objectives of the Association Québécoise pour le Multiâge

- to promote the education of multi-age grouping which fosters the development of the child;
- to create links and a network of contacts between those interested in multiage grouping;
- to reflect effective pedagogical interventions;
- to assist in the understanding and implementation of multiage grouping;
- to distribute information to interested persons;
- to publish documents and audio-visual tools;
- to establish all other forms of services pertaining to childhood

Multiage grouping as seen by conferences speakers

Nicole Bédard

Analyst Consultant of children's drawings and stories, training in Andragogy.

« ... On the concept of learning through multiage grouping, what comes to mind is the respect we bring to the process of individuality. All while taking into consideration the different levels of maturity of each child ».

Jean-Marie Miron

Professor of Educational Science at l'UQTR, Ph.D. in Psychopedagogy.

« ... In fact, multiage groups offer a flexibility which can respond to a greater variety of children's needs while allowing each child to establish significant relationships with other children of varying ages ».

Jean-Marc Lopez

CPE Director, Psychopedagogy Ph.D. student.

«While respecting the secure aspect of a familiar family environment, multiage grouping provides young

children with a wide array of social as well as cognitive opportunities which can favor at most their development ».

Benoît Masson

Childcare worker, Bachelor in Orthopedagogy.

« Childhood is not an age, but a mindset... diversified competencies nourished by diverse social interactions and varying age levels permit children to develop their interpersonal intelligence in a pleasant way ».

Hélène Tardif

Professor of Early Childhood at Notre-Dame-de-Foy College, Ph.D. in Didactic.

« The functioning of multiage grouping is scary! Nonetheless, this method of grouping young children should be examined more closely, since it forces everyone, educators and parents, to diminish expectations of children's performances and instead interest them in each other ».

You would like to know more about our objective and our actions?

- Obtain free of charge during the conference the first bulletin of the Association Québécoise pour le Multiâge, at the kiosk which holds all the documents created by the childcare services: *A universe of projects*

Thanks to the Conseil québécois des CPE who contribute to the gleam of the Association Québécoise pour le Multiâge

**2005 membership form to
the Association Québécoise pour le Multiâge (QMA)**

To be sent with your payment (cheques preferred). A receipt will be issued to members.

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Name (person or organization) : _____

First Name : _____ Profession : _____

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Please check the boxes which correspond to your situation or your choice :

- Individuel member: **20 \$**
- Individuel member student: **10 \$**
(please attach a copy of your student card)
- Associative member: **40 \$**
(a corporation or an association from Quebec, another province or country, who shares the same common interests as those of the QMA, like a childcare service, a school, etc.)

I prefer to receive the QMA Bulletin :

- In French
- In English
- In paper form rather than by email (add \$5 to your membership)

I accept that my name, or that of my organization, appear :

- In the QMA Bulletin (under heading of *new member*)
- Support for childcare services or associations (training, development of practical tools, etc.)

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Involvement in the Association Québécoise pour le Multiâge

If you wish to contribute to the development of the QMA, please check the boxes of your choice

- I am interested in a seat on the QMA Board of Directors (one meeting every 2 months + telephone meetings)
- I am interested in participating in committee activities of the QMA
 - Information bulletin of the QMA (document research and set up of the newsletter, circulation, etc.)
 - Translation of texts (for the Bulletin, internet site, publications, etc.)
 - From French to English From French to Spanish
 - From English to French From English to Spanish
 - Text editing and proofreading of the information Bulletin, Internet site, etc. (testimonials, pedagogical or scientific texts, etc.)
 - Event Planning (lectures, forums, conferences, etc.)
 - Support for childcare services or associations (training, development of practical tools, etc.)
 - Other participation : please specify your interests (use an additional sheet if necessary)
