



What is this all about? Is your **child born in 2004 or in January 2005**? Is the **success of young francophone children** living in minority francophone communities **important to you**? If you answered yes to these two questions, you are invited to participate in the **Child Care Pilot Project**, a national research project conducted by The Social Research and Demonstration Corporation (SRDC) and funded by Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC). The goal of this important study is to find out how best to help children who live in a minority francophone community to become better prepared for school.

Who can participate? All children (and their parents) born in 2004 or in January 2005 and who will eventually attend a French school.

What is this new preschool child-care program about? This new preschool child-care program will be offered at a French daycare centre and will take place over a period of two years. The program has two components:

- 1) A pre-junior kindergarten program offered in a daycare centre
- 2) Parent/child workshops designed to help parents encourage their child's development

Why participate? In addition to evaluating the potential benefits of this new preschool child-care program, the overall project goal is to better understand how to encourage the overall development and school-readiness of young children living in minority francophone communities. At the end of the project, all participating **parents** will receive the results of their child's last assessment in March 2010. Although this assessment does not diagnose specific problems, it can help identify strengths in terms of readiness for school, as well as those areas requiring further attention. **Community organizations** (e.g., the school board) will obtain general information that will help them plan their services to better meet the needs of young children living in the community. Lastly, the results of this study may also inform **provincial and federal policies** so that the needs of young francophone children living in a minority environment are better met.

I would like to participate but . . . *My child does not attend a daycare centre.*

You can still participate and we need you! For this project to be successful, we need the participation of parents who stay at home with their child or whose child is in an informal or family-based care.

My child is already enrolled in a daycare centre.

In some communities, we also need the participation of children enrolled in daycare centres other than the daycare centre offering the new preschool child-care program so that we can find out if it really helps children become better prepared for school.

How can we enrol in the project? We hope you will be interested in participating in this project which will help promote the francophone culture and help our young children succeed in French-language schools. To participate in the study or obtain more information, please contact the coordinator in your community or Louise Legault of SRDC at 1-866-896-7732.

Thank you!