



CPE durable

In September 2014, ENvironnement JEUnesse launched “CPE durable”, a sustainable management counselling and certification program for Québec’s childcare services. “CPE durable” is available to Québec’s childcare centers and day care centers.

Targeting employees, parents and children, the certification is divided into five levels. Each level is supported by an interactive platform to share experiences, learning new ways of doing things, developing inspiring projects and measuring performance.

Thus, the certification offers childcare centers and day care centers a specialized expertise and support in sustainable development, allowing a gradual implementation of sound sustainable management practices. The network enables the exchange of best practices in sustainable management and the promotion of promising projects within communities.

Services Offered

- On the phone and in person help from sustainability advisors;
- Launch an action and consultation process;
- Progress through experience at your pace supported and recognized by an expert organization;
- Customized mentoring adapted to your projects and your sustainability management;
- Innovative resources gathered by a team assigned to the environmental news watch;
- Adapted content for early childhood with references, resources and over one hundred sustainable actions in five intervention categories;
- Access to training and networking events all year round;
- Learn new ways to improve your sustainability actions;
- An online forum for best practices and experience sharing;
- Customized support adapted to your needs: presentation of the certification program, support to your comity, diagnostic, assistance with your sustainability reporting, mentoring in environmental communication, help with hosting an environmental awareness workshop, etc.

Costs

- Day care centers rate of \$408 per year, or \$34 per month;
- Solidarity rate for childcare centers of \$306 per year, or \$25.50 per month.



About ENvironnement JEUnesse

Established in 1979, ENvironnement JEUnesse (also known as ENJEU) is an environmental education organization which aims at raising awareness among Québec's youth on environmental issues, train them through educational projects and encourage them to take action in their communities.

Integration of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)

ESD is conceived as an ongoing process by which individuals and the community become aware of their environment (social, economic and environmental spheres) and acquire knowledge, values, skills, experience and willingness to act, individually and collectively, to solve current and future problems. ESD is an essential component of global education, but also citizenship education. Its integration into the educational community—from early childhood to college—is the basis of ENvironnement JEUnesse's certification programs.

Sustainable Management: Key for a Viable Future

Sustainable management is defined as a component of an organization's overall management system. It includes the organizational structure, activity planning, responsibilities, practices, procedures, processes and resources to develop, implement and sustain an organization's sustainable development policy.

In this sense, institutions such as CPE, day care, CEGEPs or colleges should develop a management process that integrates environmental and social components, as well as integrating, for example, the concept of economic efficiency or the workers' health and safety. Only then will sustainable management structures be seen as an investment that improves quality of life from early childhood and protects current citizens' resources and health while ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.

ENvironnement JEUnesse's certification programs are based on a progression on a permanent basis, based on solid and sustainable foundations: integration of sustainable management tools, implementation of initiatives and organization of activities targeting different sustainable development, in a perspective of continuous improvement over five levels.

Within ENvironnement JEUnesse's certification programs, institutions' activities have been grouped into five main categories: resource management and energy, transport, health and food, socio-responsible governance, and community openness.