

# RECREATION PASSPORT

PROGRAM

VILLE DE GASPÉ

PROGRAM FOSTERING ACCESS TO RECREATION  
WITHIN VILLE DE GASPÉ TERRITORY,  
FROM PRÉVEL TO L'ANSE-À-VALLEAU



## WHO'S THE PROGRAM FOR?

In 2016, the program's first year, the **Recreation Passport program** seeks to offer free\* enrolment in recreational sport and cultural activities to young people up to 18 years of age and to families in vulnerable situations who would not otherwise have access to such activities.

\*For some activities, it might be necessary to buy material or cover the cost of transit. In some cases, it might be necessary to make special agreements, have parents pay costs or look for grants to cover the cost of material.

*For the purposes of the Recreation Passport program, a vulnerable situation exists when a family experiences a destabilising event, for instance the loss of a job, a death in the family, mental or physical health issues or precarious economic situations.*

## WHAT ROLE CAN YOU PLAY IN THE RECREATION PASSPORT PROGRAM?

**AS AN ORGANISATION OFFERING SPORT OR RECREATION ACTIVITIES, YOU ARE INVITED TO:**

Set aside a few places (for instance, 1 to 4 places per group) that will be offered (upon referral) to young people or families (parent-child activities) before your registration period begins ;

**OR**

Offer the places that were not filled (the number is up to you) after your registration period closes.

*An anonymous, neutral and respectful welcome is key to integrating young people and families who use this program – it is your responsibility to make sure these conditions are put in place.*

**AS REFERRAL AGENTS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND TEACHERS, YOU ARE INVITED TO:**

Provide information to young people and families that might qualify by raising their awareness about the program and by promoting it. For someone to participate in the program and have access to free enrolment in activities, your referral is required.

## AN EFFORT TO MAKE RECREATION ACCESSIBLE IN SEVERAL REGIONS OF QUÉBEC

The national Accès-loisirs movement (it sometimes has another name) was introduced ten years ago; since then, it has gradually been implemented in several RCMs and regions, including Saguenay–Lac-St-Jean, Mauricie, Chaudière-Appalaches, Capitale-Nationale and Bas St-Laurent.

Depending on the community, from 20 to 75 recreation activity places can be attributed on registration days out of the 30 to 120 places potentially available, based on the target community's population.

THE RECREATION PASSPORT PROGRAM –  
VILLE DE GASPÉ PRESENTS ITS FIRST EDITION IN 2016.

*An application form, completed by the referral agent, is required for someone to be able to choose a recreation activity on registration day (on the September 10, 2016 weekend).*

## HOW TO ENROL

Together with the young person or parent, the referral agent fills out the participation form and then, sends it to Ville de Gaspé confidentially. The referral agent also gives the applicant an information sheet providing details about the need to attend the registration day organised by the Maison de la famille Parenfant on the weekend of September 10. The applicant's e-mail address is transmitted to Ville de Gaspé.

Applicants are e-mailed a reminder a few days prior to registration day by Ville de Gaspé, together with a list of the activities that will be offered.

On registration day, the parents' signature is required to sign up for an activity.

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