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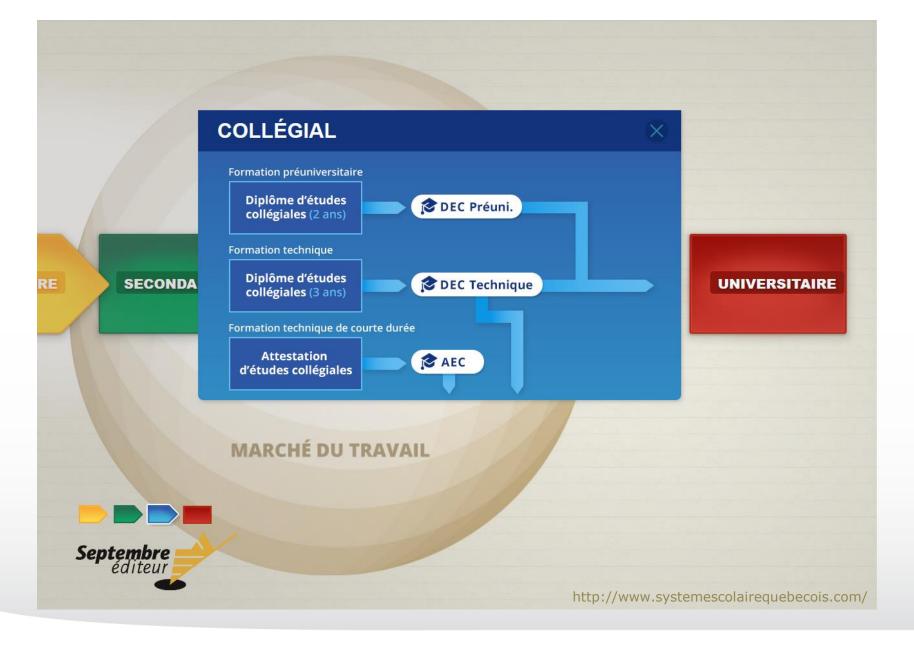
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Quebec Educational System: A few reminders

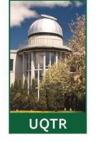






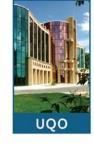








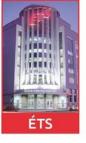














A few words about the Université du Québec

- Founded 50 years ago by the Government of Québec.
- 10 universities with a mission to provide access to undergraduate, and graduate studies and to contribute to scientific development of Québec and its regions through research.
- 1 000 undergraduate and graduate programs offered to 102 300 students in 60 towns and cities across the province of Québec.
- Programs tailored to the needs of students with different profiles and backgrounds.

Starting point: Why focus on First Generation Student (FGS)?

- Parental education is a key determinant to postsecondary education access.
- Université du Québec (UQ) already has a good understanding of FGS' reality when they enter university :
 - They are more likely to attend university in challenging conditions
 - Therefore, the possibility of reaching their full potential is limited
- Bearing this in mind, three universities of the UQ network located near low level educational attainment communities, desired to:
 - Discuss FGS' reality with other educational institutions
 - Expand their knowledge about FGS' reality at prior levels of education
 - Identify their scope of actions at an early stage to alleviate FGS' challenging conditions



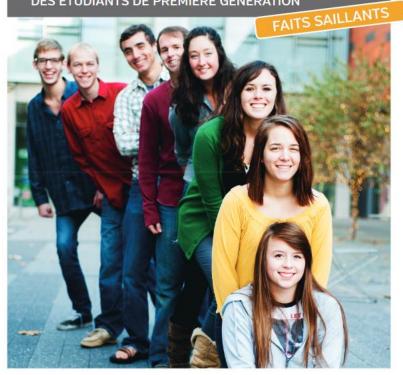
Project approach

- Refine knowledge and understanding of FGS educational experience
 - Analyzing student survey data (secondary, college, university)
- Facilitate knowledge mobilization, exchange of practices and experiences between partners
 - Community of practice
 - Three regional groups composed of institutions from different levels of education and from different sectors of activity
- Identify appropriate interventions throughout FGS school life
 - Map existing interventions on which it is possible to build upon
 - Consider how to adapt some interventions to address the needs of FGS'
 - Pilot regional interventions for FGS' and assess the results



KEY OUTPUTS

PORTRAIT SOCIOÉDUCATIONNEL DES ÉTUDIANTS DE PREMIÈRE GÉNÉRATION





Favoriser l'accès et la persévérance aux études supérieures des étudiants de première génération

KEY OUTPUTS



Guide de référence pour les intervenants en éducation



Ce guide est issu des travaux de la <u>Communauté de pratique sur l'accès et la persévérance aux études supérieures des EPG</u> qui a réunie, pendant deux ans, des établissements collégiaux et universitaires des régions de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue, du Saguenay – Lac-Saint-Jean et du Bas-Saint-Laurent. Il permet aux intervenants du milieu de l'éducation et des milieux communautaires :

- de comprendre pourquoi les élèves et les étudiants issus de familles sans études supérieures sont plus vulnérables au regard de l'accès et de la persévérance aux études supérieures;
- de connaître les caractéristiques particulières des élèves et des étudiants issus de familles sans études supérieures tout en les comparant à ceux issus de familles plus scolarisées;
- d'avoir accès à des exemples d'intervention permettant de nourrir les aspirations scolaires et la persévérance aux études supérieures des élèves et des étudiants issus de familles sans études supérieures;
- · d'adapter leurs interventions pour tenir compte des caractéristiques et des besoins de ces étudiants;
- d'avoir accès à des documents de référence pour approfondir leurs connaissances sur les étudiants de première génération.

QU'EST CE QU'UN EPG? COMMENT SOUTENIR
CES ÉTUDIANTS?

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First Generation Student?





KEY OUTPUTS

Field-tested interventions with a view to:

- Provide role models to students from low educational backgrounds
- Provide peer-mentoring to FGS facing high risk of dropping out from college
- Empower parents without postsecondary education to support their children's transition to college
- Intervene early to support high school students' preparation to their postsecondary studies
- Enhance the value of postsecondary education in a community by putting forward the story of their FGS
- Provide recognition to FGS with institutional measures
- Increase school personnel awareness about FGS reality and support needs



Enabling animators involved in outreach activities to become a role model for students from low educational backgrounds



Science outreach activities in primary schools animated by FGS university students



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Provide support from a university FGS to high school students involved in a regional science fair

Peer-mentoring program for college FGS facing high risk of dropping out



Involve a university FGS in a supportive relationship with a college student with whom the tutoring was not concluding

Information to empower parents without postsecondary education to support their children's transition to college



Intervene early to support high school students' preparation to their postsecondary studies



Increase awareness for first and second year students on the impact of the educational stream choice they make in high school for their postsecondary options



Regional campaign to enhance the value of postsecondary education by putting forward the meaningful educational stories of FGS







What have we learned on good practices?

- Acting upstream by providing significant role models to primary and high school students.
- Fostering collaboration throughout all levels of the educational system is essential.
- Never take for granted that postsecondary students from low educational backgrounds will recognize themselves as a FGS.
- Never take for granted that school staff is aware of a FGS' realities.
- Involving parents by empowering them to play a supportive role they feel comfortable with.
- Taking into consideration local realities and working with existing initiatives.



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