

# Mixed Couples

## When only one parent speaks French

### Is your spouse a Francophone but you speak another language?

If so, you're in good company!

- About 85% of Francophone parents in northern and western Canada have a spouse who speaks a language other than French.
- If you're one of those mixed couples, your child really has the potential to become fluently bilingual!

### It takes teamwork...

... and your biggest challenge will be to help your child learn French.

### Here's what you can do:

- You and your spouse should speak to your child in your native languages.
  - Encourage your spouse to always speak French to your child.
  - Show your child how important both languages are to you.
- Start as early as you can — it's never too late!
- Make sure your child has *fun* in both languages!

### Choose Francophone services for your child, including:

- daycare
- early childhood education centre or preschool
- summer camp in French
- elementary and secondary school

### Helping your child develop his or her bilingual potential is a lifelong gift!



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