

## La Fondation Place Coco



### FACT SHEET:

- ✍ 1 out of 64 children in Canada has a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- ✍ Families wait up to 3 or more years for public sector evaluations and rehabilitation services
- ✍ There are 700 children currently on a waitlist for diagnosis in the Montreal area,
- ✍ Average costs for intervention range from \$27,000 to 150,000 depending on severity of the disorder.
- ✍ 90 cases that were listed at CROM have been rerouted to Miriam Home making it almost impossible to get services before age 6.
- ✍ Upon entering Kindergarten, CROM will no longer service children
- ✍ English speaking children with an ASD diagnosis have very limited intervention options
- ✍ Little Red Playhouse (LRP) opened its doors to children with autism in 2008 and began to offer a customized program which follows the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur (MEES) Kindergarten curriculum
- ✍ LRP's unique integrated pre-school program mixes mainstream children and those with ASD
- ✍ LRP's ASD children benefit from 1:1 intervention therapies for speech, social skills and ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis)
- ✍ Currently LRP accommodates 30, 50% of the children are ASD or a speech with a 3:1 class staff ratio
- ✍ 90 percent of LRP ASD graduates move on to mainstream schools
- ✍ In a new facility, LRP will accommodate 60 children and have space for 15 one-on-one therapy rooms

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