

**900**

Number of high school youth reached through REISA initiatives

**120**

Number of seniors reached through health education and legal workshops

**15**

Youth with special needs reached through Community Cultural Action Fund

**15**

Health professional and legal volunteers partner with REISA for educational workshops for seniors

**45**

Number of parents reached through mental health information night

**17**

Community representatives reached through REISA's youth forum

### Our Partners



### Our Funders



2018-2019



**The East Island Network for English Language Services**

Annual Report





## From the President

Josie Primiani  
President



This year has seen a three-fold expansion at REISA: territory, team and mandate are all bigger than before. I would like to thank the members of the team under the guidance of a formidable Executive Director, for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

The financial realities of REISA's work, critical for the English-speaking community in the East and North Island, means that we must be careful to deploy our resources strategically. Every year, we set clear priorities and target those most likely to have a significant impact. To strengthen our impact for the benefit of our English-speaking community, we continue to explore our members' evolving priorities to engage them and their volunteers in contributing to REISA initiatives.

Best of all, REISA's targets are no longer limited to access to health and social services alone. We can finally swing into action for work on health determinants affecting our minority community. Economic status, at the top of the list, is at the heart of REISA Youth Network's endeavors to increase the ease and confidence of young people as they prepare to compete in Montreal's French job market.

A whopping 20% of young people of the East and North speak English, but Francophone employment strategies struggle to reach them: REISA's Youth Network has gained surprising momentum in a very short time by helping with this. Exciting times ahead!



## From the Executive Director

Fatiha Gatre Guemiri  
Executive Director



The past year has been very productive for REISA with the regional expansion and the addition of ERCC-Enhancing Regional Community Capacity - Renforcement des capacités régionales des collectivités. Adapting to CIUSSS territories, the REISA Network has now been redefined as 2 networks: REISA North Network and REISA East Network, with a jump in the English-speaking population from 95,000 to 165,000.

We now serve the English-speaking communities (ESC) of our partnering CIUSSSs, both East and North. That's 14 CLSC territories, up from the 10 we have worked with since 2006. The REISA team is meeting new potential partners in the superbly well-organized North, documenting the needs and hopes of groups serving the ESC and proposing contributions to new community objectives we are discovering.

Highlight of the year has been the creation of the very first REISA Youth Network and the opening of a satellite office near the border between East and North Island. Continuity in funding from the Adaptation of Health and Social Services Initiative allowed us to engage in an unexpected regional level of partnership for the linguistic adaptation of services with all five Montreal CIUSSSs and two other NPI groups.

REISA's team now stands at six full-time and part-time employees who contribute an impressive variety of skills and experience to our Networks, as well as a yearly harvest of the best student interns from the Concordia School of Community and Public Affairs.

The following report outlines the programs and activities REISA has been involved with in Montreal's East-end and North-End primarily, and within the Montreal region and throughout Quebec.

## ERCC-Enhancing Regional Community Capacity

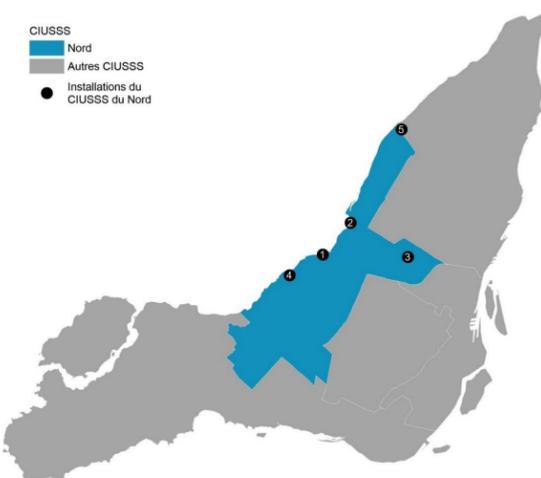
### YOUTH NETWORK

- 1** Advisory committee formed
- 1** Strategic plan developed
- 3** Knowledge documents developed
- 24** Youth organizations contacted
- 78** Meetings
- 1** YOUTH network forum
- 1** New office

### TERRITORY EXPANSION

- ✓ Strategic plan developed
- ✓ Demographic profile created
- ✓ Community resources documented
- ✓ Community groups & institutions contacted
- ✓ Partner meetings planned for 19-20
- ✓ Office acquired

Partnerships in development



## McGill Training and Retention Program

