Research Unit on Children’s Psychosocial Maladjustment (GRIP)

Childhood is a crucial period during which interaction between biological and environmental factors has an important influence on individual development. GRIP-Laval offers a unique opportunity to train in the field of human development research with an internationally recognized team.

This exciting research is part of an emerging science, at the interface of developmental psychology, neuroscience, and genetics that stands to transform our understanding of human development.

CENTRE DESCRIPTION

GRIP is an interuniversity research center (Laval, UdeM, McGill) recognized and funded by Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture. Its goal is to study the development and prevention of adjustment problems in children and youth from a biopsychosocial perspective.

GRIP’s expertise covers the period from birth to adulthood. The unit’s research program is enriched by constant cross-fertilization between studies on normal and deviant development, and between fundamental and applied research. Researchers’ work draws on a range of methodologies including longitudinal, intergenerational, and multidisciplinary studies.

The research program has four interdependent themes: describing development, explaining the mechanisms of development, averting problems through prevention program design and evaluation, and transferring knowledge in the field.

MISSION

GRIP is an interuniversity and multidisciplinary center (Laval, UdeM, McGill) of researchers working to understand how adjustment problems develop in childhood and adolescence, and to identify the most effective means to prevent these problems. The GRIP research program is part of a larger body of research on human development conducted by researchers in a variety of disciplines.

43 researchers
19 research professionals
175 students
GRIP researchers have published hundreds of articles in leading international scientific journals in fields such as psychology, psychiatry, pediatrics, and genetics, and receive funding from the major federal and provincial granting agencies to pursue their research and knowledge transfer activities. In addition to their academic publications, GRIP members have also published a number of works for general audiences.


GRIP also manages the Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development and the Strategic Knowledge Cluster on Early Child Development, two organizations dedicated to the transfer of knowledge and the development of the Encyclopedia on Early Childhood Development, an online publication available in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and soon, Russian.

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