

## press releases

### **Alliance Quebec pleased at health and social service elections.**

**Montreal, Nov. 26, 1996** -- Alliance Quebec is pleased with the results of Monday's health and social service elections.

Generally speaking, English-speaking Quebecers participated fully in the process of choosing citizens' representatives for the boards of the bilingual and other health and social service institutions that serve their communities across the province.

Alliance Quebec worked hard to encourage people to take part in the process. The organization prepared a pamphlet explaining how to vote and its chapters and allied community associations held a number of public meetings across the province as part of an information campaign designed to increase citizen involvement.

"These elections occurred at a crucial time," noted AQ vice-president Trent Mell. "Budget cuts are forcing some bilingual institutions to close or merge with French ones and the quality of services available in English is increasingly questioned by the government and the party in power."

Mell was particularly pleased with the results in the race for the board of the Lachute Residence, one of the few institutions serving elderly anglophones in the Lower Laurentians. The local Alliance Quebec chapter waged a strong campaign there and the community responded with enthusiasm, Mell said.

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