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Originally from Quebec, Simon has been living and working in Manitoba for the last 29 years as a teacher, a vice-principal (Ecole Stanley Knowles School for 7 years), a principal (Ecole St-Norbert Immersion School for 12 years) and in the last four years as the Assistant of the Seine River School Division. Simon is the adoptive father of a child with ARND since her birth in 1989. Starting in August 2014, Simon will be teaching at the Universite de St-Boniface in the Faculty of Education. In July 2013, Simon successfully defended his Master thesis on the impact the FASD children have on their parents' relationships in the context of the couple, with the school and the community. Simon has been very active in the last 10 years in speaking to schools and divisional staff about FASD and the need to differentiate our programs and expectations.