



WELCOMING AND PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION SERVICE PROJECT



PROJECT INTENTION:

For the RÉSEFAN to support and facilitate the completion of health and social services internships involving post-secondary educational institutions, placement sites and the community, so that after graduation, students choose to live and pursue a career in Nunavut, thereby increasing access to French-language services.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

To provide health and wellness services to the Francophone community.

To foster a positive Northern experience for trainees in a stable environment and to facilitate their integration into our multicultural environment and their relationships with professionals.

To contribute to attracting and recruiting health and social services human resources in Nunavut.

PROJECT DURATION:

1 year (April 2019-March 2020 – Funding on an annual basis)

INITIATIVES AND BENEFITS FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

- Welcoming trainees to placement sites (e.g., Qikiqtani General Hospital, École des Trois-Soleils and pharmacies) and into the community (accommodation).
- Access to French-language services during internships.
- Diversification of partners and internship areas.

PARTNERS AND CONTRIBUTORS:

In Iqaluit

- Qikiqtani General Hospital
- Department of Health Mental Health Division
- École des Trois-Soleils
- Commission scolaire francophone du Nunavut
- Inukpak Outfitting
- Members of the community (accommodation)

Post-secondary educational institutions

- University of Montreal
- McGill University
- La Cité
- Cégep du Vieux Montréal
- University of Ottawa
- Laurentian University

ACHIEVEMENTS 2019-2020 :

- Supported the transportation, welcoming and integration of 13 trainees in 2019-2020.
- Conducted a fact-finding mission to Quebec to develop new partnerships with Quebec educational institutions. Dr. Patrick Foucault, RÉSEFAN administrator and physician at Qikiqtani General Hospital, along with our Executive Director, met with representatives of Laval University and the University of Quebec in Trois-Rivières.
- Developed a new partnership with Francophone Affairs at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine for the establishment of two medical fellowships, with assistance from Dr. Patrick Foucault, RÉSEFAN administrator and physician at Qikiqtani General Hospital.
- Produced the *Guide de gestion des stages*, an internal document that sets out the practices developed by the RÉSEFAN over the years.



SUCCESS STORIES 2019-2020 :

- Support for trainees:
 - One trainee was a resident of Iqaluit,
 - One trainee is planning to apply for jobs here, and
 - Two of these trainees were given employment contracts (one at Qikiqtani General Hospital and the other at École des Trois-Soleils).
- Two fellowships for medical research internships at Qikiqtani General Hospital were created with Francophone Affairs at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine in 2020-2021.
- A new partnership was established with the Laval University Faculty of Medicine to welcome four medical residents in 2020-2021.

