



EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH PROJECT

PROJECT INTENTION:

The RÉSEFAN is coordinating the project in Nunavut. For the project to support health promotion programs and initiatives in the area of early childhood and assist in meeting needs and helping to reduce health inequalities in official language minority communities.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

To plan culturally and linguistically relevant comprehensive interventions and health promotion programs to improve the health and development of newborns to 6-year-olds and their families.

To improve access to early childhood healthcare promotion programs in order to reduce inequalities in early childhood healthcare in these communities.

PROJECT DURATION:

3 years (September 2019-March 2022)

INITIATIVES AND BENEFITS FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

- *Plan de services communautaires pour une petite enfance francophone en santé au Nunavut*
- Community events targeting children and parents will be introduced to enhance support for healthy child development.
- Capacity-building activities will be developed to assist community practitioners in improving their knowledge and the skills required for planning and implementing prenatal and early childhood development activities.

PARTNERS AND CONTRIBUTORS:

- Department of Education, Early Childhood Resources Division
- Francophone organization issue tables (nos. 979 and 975), with the support of the Association des francophones du Nunavut
- Early childhood community and public partners (including Centre de la petite enfance, Les amis de la Toundra and Parents and Tots, among others)



ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Conducted a consultation process from November 2019 to February 2020 and produced the *Community Services Plan for Francophone Early Childhood Health in Nunavut*.



- Networked and mobilised with partners in anticipation of the project roll-out and made calls for the funding of community-based projects.
- Two community-based projects were funded in 2019-2020:
 - Creation and introduction of a group of Francophone parents from Nunavut, with the support of the Association des francophones du Nunavut;
 - Survey of early childhood resources, followed by sharing and dissemination of the information in French, with the support of the RÉSEFAN.

SUCCESS STORIES:

- Close to 80 practitioners, professionals, parents and partners associated with Canadian Francophone organizations and the early childhood development sector in Nunavut were consulted to identify challenges, needs and project ideas.
- Ten flagship projects were identified in the Community Services Plan.
- A delegation from Nunavut attended the full-day conference that launched the *Early Childhood Health* project in November 2019.



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