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Early Childhood Health in Nunavut: a structuring project for Francophone children ages 0-6, parents and families

IQALUIT, October 29, 2020 – The Réseau Santé en français au Nunavut (RÉSEFAN) is proud to announce the Iqaluit projects that have been selected for community funding as part of the *Early Childhood Health* project.

The following projects are being funded for 2020-2021:

- Roll-out of the *Regroupement des parents francophones du Nunavut's* events, led by the *Regroupement des parents francophones du Nunavut* (RPFN), a new committee of the *Association des francophones du Nunavut* (AFN), and
- Mini-Sila, outdoor programming at Les Petits Nanooks, the Centre de la petite enfance daycare

The following projects were funded in 2019-2020:

- Creation of the *Directory of Early Childhood Resources in Iqaluit*
- Creation and launch of the RPFN, an AFN committee

The project also provides for holding an Early Childhood forum in early 2021. It will aim to share the progress on the various projects with partners and giving early childhood workers and parents an opportunity to adopt good health and health promotion practices as they relate to children ages 0-6.

The projects are part of the *Community Services Plan for Francophone Early Childhood Health in Nunavut*. Completed in 2019-2020, this plan is the result of an extensive consultation process in which over 80 parents, professionals and other stakeholders took part.

The national Early Childhood Health project is being funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada from 2019 to 2022. The project's goals are as follows:

- Improve protective factors and reduce risk factors;
- Involve communities in taking charge of their health, their well-being and their health care system;
- Improve health services to meet the needs of early childhood in Francophone and Acadian minority communities.

As RÉSEFAN President Christelle Sessua points out: *“The RÉSEFAN is holding a family Happy Hour to highlight the importance of this project for the Nunavut Francophone community. The event will take place at the Franco-Centre on October 29, 2020. This will be an opportunity for the community and the various stakeholders in early childhood and health to highlight all of the efforts made to date. It is a structuring project that is based on a collaborative approach among partners.”*



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