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## **Nunavimmi Ilagiit Papatauvinga: a Project for Family Services in Nunavik Supported by the NRBHSS**

**Kuujjuaq, June 13, 2022** – Nunavimmi Ilagiit Papatauvinga (NIP) means “where Nunavik families feel safe.” It is a future centre for integrated services destined for children, youths and families.

This self-determination project will include all services meant for youths, from prevention and promotion activities to collaboration with current services, including those of the Department of Youth Protection (DYP). Services will be provided in Inuktitut by Inuit, and Inuit management personnel will be at the core of decisions to respond to the needs of *Nunavimmiut*, and this in accordance with traditional culture.

NIP is presently under development with the support of the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS), which established a department fully dedicated to this project. This department will become an independent organization in the years to come and thus fulfil a desire held by *Nunavimmiut*, that of self-determination in terms of youth services. Further, NIP will be able to count on Sukait, a working committee composed of Inuit elders and representatives of the region’s principal organizations, and which will help establish the principles and guidelines underlying this large-scale project.

“The children of Nunavik and their families have a great need for support that aligns with their culture. It is in that perspective that the services to be provided by Nunavimmi Ilagiit Papatauvinga will be designed: acquire purely Inuit tools and resources to foster each family’s well-being,” stated Mina Beaulne, Executive Director of NIP since October 2021.

“To us, it is obvious that the NRBHSS should support the Nunavimmi Ilagiit Papatauvinga project, as Nunavik families will benefit from having access to more resources governed according to a fully Inuit approach. At present, we want NIP to be able to benefit as much as possible from the key advantages available from the NRBHSS to ensure a successful launch. It is one more step toward services for *Nunavimmiut*, administered and provided by Inuit,” explained Minnie Grey, Executive Director of the NRBHSS.

Presently in the development phase, Nunavimmi Ilagiit Papatauvinga already has a number of pilot programs in some communities. Several others tools and resources for and by Inuit are currently being designed.

*The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Quebec territory located north of the 55<sup>th</sup> parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.*

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