



About Pauktuutit

Pauktuutit was established in 1984 and is lead by a 14-member Board of Directors representing Inuit Nunangat, urban centres, and youth.

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Our Mandate

Pauktuutit is the national representative organization of Inuit women in Canada. We foster greater awareness of the needs of Inuit women, advocate for equality and social improvements, and encourage the full participation of Inuit women in their communities, regions and the national life of Canada.





Vision

- Inuit women and families in safe, affordable and culturally relevant housing;
- Every Inuit community to be able to respond to crisis and violence;
- Happy, safe and healthy Inuit communities;
- Inuit women engaged at every political table that impacts them by building on relationships with government, other organizations, and communities;
- Enhancing our youth advocacy;
- Investing in childcare;
- Showcasing Inuit women as proud and empowered;
- Promoting and supporting Inuit women whether they live in urban centres or in Inuit Nunangat;
- Inuit women in positions of leadership in both private and public sectors.

Violence and Abuse Prevention

Violence and abuse prevention have been among Pauktuutit's top three priorities since 1984. With the guidance and support of Pauktuutit's Board of Directors and membership, the Violence and Abuse Prevention department addresses a broad range of issues as they relate to the safety and well-being of women and children, including family violence, sexual abuse of children, elder abuse, human trafficking and victims' rights.



Violence and Abuse Prevention



Violence and Abuse Prevention department focuses on the following priority items:

- Safety of Children and Youth
- Gender-Based Violence
- Engaging Men and Boys in Reducing Violence
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Shelters and Transition Housing
- Unresolved Trauma and Healing
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

Health

Improving the health status of Inuit women and their families has been a priority since Pauktuutit's incorporation in 1984. The Territories have the highest rates of violence in the country, meaning that for Inuit women violence and abuse are significant physical and mental health issues. In response to direction provided by its membership and Board of Directors, Pauktuutit has implemented numerous successful health prevention and promotion projects on issues including maternal child health and midwifery, tobacco cessation, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, FASD, early childhood development, injury prevention, cancer, health research and others.

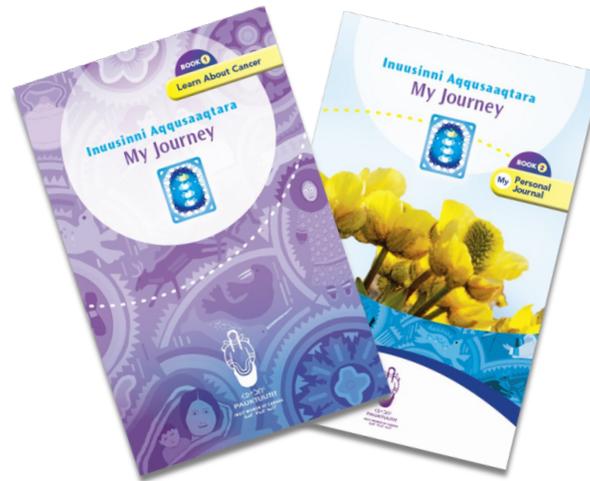


Conversation starters for kids 7 and under:

It's normal for little kids to touch themselves in public. Quietly let them know it should be done in private.

Use the right words for their bodies. Tell them they have a bum and that girls have a vagina and boys have a penis.

Tell them their body belongs to them. Let them know the difference between safe and unsafe touches.



Health



Our Health department has a mandate to focus on the following priority items:

- Sexual Health
 - Talking to youth about STBBI's
 - Inuit community readiness research on HIV/AIDS
- Reproductive Health
 - Community wellness models on cervical cancer
- Cancer
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- Hepatitis C
- Tobacco Cessation



Social and Economic Development

Pauktuutit's Socio-Economic Department has a mandate to cover a broad range of social and economic and issues. Following the strategic direction from the Board of Directors, other work includes the areas of political equality and supporting women's leadership, education, housing, early learning and child care, the protection and promotion of traditional knowledge, resource extraction, environmental issues including climate change, and national and international engagement.



Social and Economic Development



Our Social and Economic Development department focuses on the following priority items:

- Housing
- Food Insecurity
- Political Equality and Leadership
- Early Learning and Childcare
- Economic Independence
- Education
- Social Development





Canada – Pauktuutit Partnership

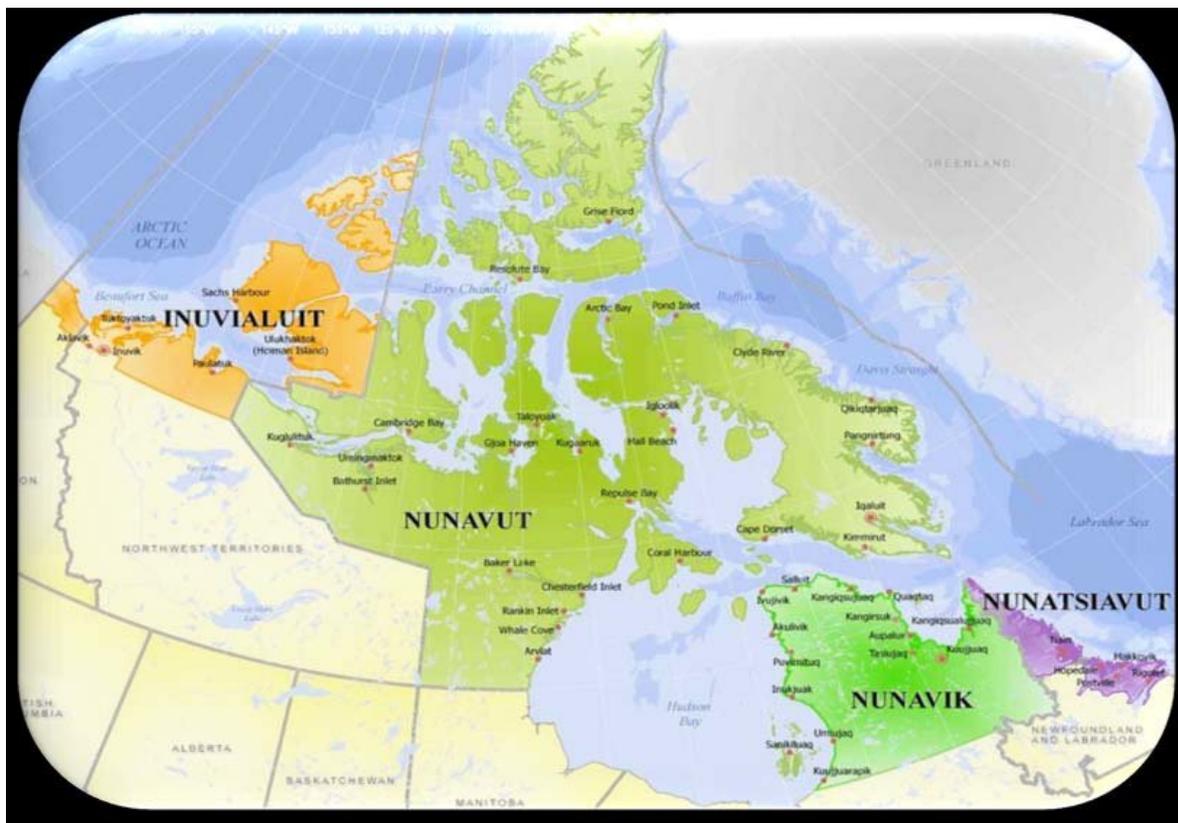
On June 15th, 2017, Pauktuutit signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government of Canada as represented by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. This MOU was an agreement to develop mutual workplans with resourcing. We see this MOU as a critical first step of the federal government in recognizing important contributions Inuit women make to national policy as well as to our communities.



ITK – Pauktuutit Partnership

Pauktuutit works in close partnership with Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) on many national files. While the mandates of ITK and Pauktuutit are both to better the lives of Inuit in Canada, on January 2018 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed to outline our roles, priorities and where we can support each other's organizations moving forward. This MOU is a promising foundation for an efficient working relationship that values the contributions of each organization.

Inuit Nunangat



Inuit in Canada

History

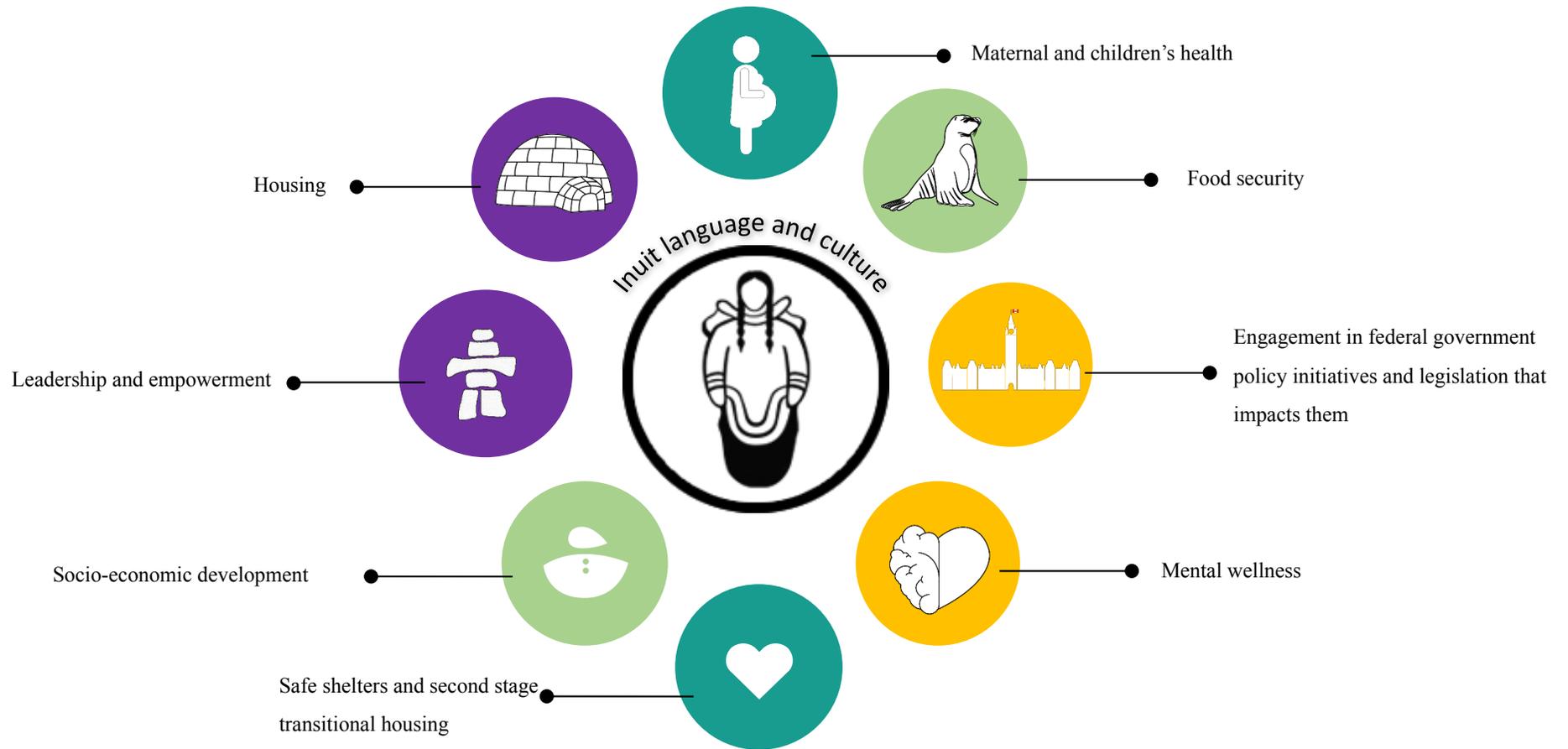
- Traditionally nomadic across the Arctic
- Residential Schools
- Forced Relocation

Today

- Over 60,000 Inuit in Canada
- 52 communities across the Arctic
- Almost 30% of Inuit have moved to urban centers
- Fastest growing population in Canada
- Four land claim regions
- Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ)



Needs of Inuit Women Today



Thank You

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