



Addressing the Needs of Child Sexual Abuse Survivors Project **Background Information**

Financial assistance was provided by the Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program, Mental Health and Addictions Division, Community Programs Directorate, FNIHB - Health Canada.

Project Goal:

1. Increase public awareness of sexual abuse of Inuit children and youth in Northern communities, and support community efforts to prevent and detect abuse.
2. Promote and whenever possible, facilitate the engagement of Inuit experts in discussion pertaining to the sexual abuse of Inuit children and youth.
3. Promote culturally appropriate approaches in the prevention of sexual abuse of Inuit children.

Objective:

To generate increased public awareness of child sexual abuse specific to Inuit in the following manner:

- Adapt a DVD public awareness tool from Greenlandic to Canadian Inuktitut dialect;
- Consult with Inuit experts to develop key messages for the Inuit public; and
- Develop a communications strategy including effective communications vehicle, tools and products.

Activities:

- Establish/select 7 working group members (includes one elder). The working group must have experience and full knowledge of child sexual abuse issues and experience in program development specifically for children, solution oriented.
- The working group will participate in two/three teleconferences and attend a two day face-to-face meeting in Ottawa (tentative January 2009);
 - Identify priorities, main themes and key messages;
 - Develop a communications strategy including effective communications vehicles, tools and products;
 - Select a meeting date; and
 - Review/approve terms of reference.

This project continues until March 31, 2009.

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