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National Inuit Residential Schools Healing Strategy

Background Information

Financial assistance provided by the Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada

The objectives of the National Strategy are as follows:

1. To increase awareness of the negative effects of residential schools for Inuit;
2. To increase access to Inuit-led healing programs; and
3. To restore what was taken away from our families and communities as a result of residential schooling.

Project Objective:

- To educate and increase awareness about Inuit in residential schools and the intergenerational impacts that followed from the perspective of Youth through media design.
- To empower and involve both former Residential School Students and Inuit Youth, their families and communities to gain knowledge and share ideas about Inuit led healing processes.

Activities:

Pauktuutit will employ a community mobilization model that has been successful on other Pauktuutit projects. The workshop will train Youth on how to use audiovisual media techniques to capture Youth's unique perspective on moving forward. This new knowledge will also assist communities with community commemoration events. The workshop will be captured on DVD.

Pauktuutit will work with members of Inuusivut¹ and the National Inuit Youth Council to mobilize Inuit Youth in the media curve to record and disseminate the history of Inuit in Residential schools. This may include an examination of intergenerational impacts. Based on the National Inuit Residential School Healing Strategy's *Priorities for Action* the following is a summary of Pauktuutit's proposed activities:

- Work with Youth in one community (TBD) to design and implement Youth led event to be visually recorded.

¹ **Inuusivut** - National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy Mental Health Promotion Demonstration Project

- Establish networks between Workshop Youth participants and community members regarding the intergenerational impacts as a result of residential schools

The Inuusivut project team will be responsible for the following:

- Work with Youth to design and develop a DVD using raw footage from the event.
- Record, edit and finalize footage captured

This project continues until March 31, 2009

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