



Key Recommendations from Pauktuutit-Hosted Federal Child & Family Services Legislation Engagement Session

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- **Quality assurance is mandatory.** There should be **consistent report cards/evaluations** of this legislation to **ensure accountability.**
- **Child protection and support services must be mandatory** (e.g. healing supports for primary care providers, training for child protection workers, teachers, foster parents, etc.).
- Stronger wording is needed in legislation, e.g. changing “**may**” to “**shall.**”
- The **principles** in federal legislation **must be mandatory in all territorial and provincial child protection legislation.**
- Legislation should be **translated into Inuit languages.**
- **Jordan’s Principle** should be applied for Inuit children.
- The **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child** needs to be included as a guiding principle.
- **Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ)** principles need to be fully integrated into the Act.
- **Educate people at the grassroots level,** and in particular **women,** on how to understand and apply the legislation.
- Need to ensure the **voices of all Inuit are heard,** including **urban Inuit, Inuit women/Pauktuutit,** and **Inuit from all four land claim regions.**
- Every jurisdiction shall have an **Inuit Child and Youth Advocate.**
- Need for **reliable and comparable statistics on Inuit children in care.** It would be helpful for the federal government to put pressure on provincial/territorial governments to have this **done in collaboration with Inuit.**