



Tasiurtigiit Newsletter

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? WHAT IS TASIURTIGIIT ?

Tasiurtigiit is an adaptation of the Agir Tôt program for Nunavik. The program promotes access to a continuum of services adapted to the needs of children from birth to age 6.

It also aims to identify signs of challenges in children's development as early as possible, to direct them and their families to the right services as soon as possible.



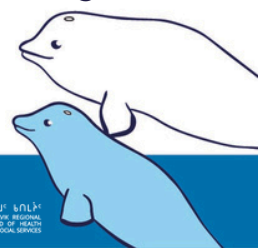
1 EARLY STIMULATION WORKSHOPS IN THE COMMUNITIES

We're proud to report an increase in community activities, with greater participation and frequency in both the all-children stimulation groups (Happy Group) and regular daycare stimulation activities (Happy Day) over the past few months.

In addition, the program has strengthened its presence in daycare settings by offering comprehensive support, including individual client follow-up, support for educators, and the facilitation of activity groups for children. Awareness-raising and information workshops were also organized in collaboration with various partners, such as Ilagiilluta and the Maternity Department.

As part of the expansion of services, new weekly workshops were launched at the Tumiapiit and Iqitauvik daycare centers in Kuujjuaq. These one-hour workshops focus on children's socio-emotional development, language skills and fine motor skills, with a particular emphasis on encouraging sharing.

The community offer and increased collaboration of Tasiurtigiit teams with partners reflect their commitment to supporting the well-being and development of children and families in the region.





2 STIMULATION BINS

The **Turaartaviit** of the Tasiurtigiit program took part in a two-day training course on stimulation bins, as part of the Nutaraqsiutitlu Qaujisaunirq - Inuit Early Years Capacity Enhancement Project (Aqqiumavvik Society, 2022-2023).

They benefited from an introduction to stimulation bins and a deepening of their knowledge of techniques to stimulate children's language, emotional, and social skills.

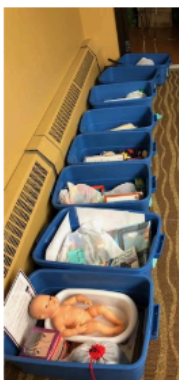
The training enabled Turaartaviit to:

- Understand the role of speech-language pathologists and how to support language and communication development in young children;
- Become familiar with the Inuit Early Years Capacity Enhancement Project (Aqqiumavvik Society, 2022-2023), a collaboration between Nunavut and Nunavik, to which CSI has actively contributed;
- Explore the contents of the stimulation bins and reflect on their different contexts of use in their work with children and families;
- Experiment with the bins in various situations to better integrate them into their practices;
- Develop their interactive reading skills;
- Learn and practice children's songs and rhymes in Inuktitut;
- Discover strategies for providing useful feedback to parents.

WHAT ARE STIMULATION BINS?

- A series of 9 bins of play materials and activities to stimulate language and social emotional skills grouped into themes;
- The bins are organized to target different ages;
- Each thematic bin targets an age group (or corresponding stage) of language and social emotional development, and the activities become more complex as the target age increases.

IN EACH BIN



Book in Inuktitut



Song in Inuktitut (song sheet)



Toys for pretend play



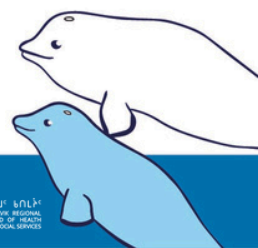
Structured game



Gross-motor or fine-motor activity



Strategies and activity suggestions for the home





3 TASIURTIIGIT POSTERS

i **INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN?**



HOW TO REFER?

