

Newsletter – February 2024

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.

2023 Review

During 2023, Tasiurtigiit's field teams reached nearly 300 children through individual intervention. This represents an increase of over 90% compared with the number of children reached in 2022. As for individual interventions, there were more than twice as many as in 2022, bringing the total to over 1,000.

In addition to increasing the scope of intervention with children, the year 2023 was marked by:

- The drafting of the reference framework;
- Early stimulation workshops;
- The establishment of an AEC in special education for Turaartaviit.

Coming in 2024

In addition to the continuation of the Turaartaviit Special Education ACS, the following will be advanced in 2024:

- Integration of stimulation kits with field teams;
- Involvement in a UQTR research project to develop a validated and standardized assessment tool for the population;
- Finalization of the Tasiurtigiit program's terms of reference, with Shirley Tagalik's involvement in the section on Inunnguiniq, or Inuit child-rearing practices.

Interested in working with children?

Some Turaartaviit positions are currently available and more will be available soon. For more info, contact:

- agirtot.cstu@ssss.gouv.qc.ca or (819) 964-2905 #445 / #228 for Ungava communities
- recrutement.csi@ssss.gouv.qc.ca or (819) 988-2130 for Hudson communities

How to Refer

Please note that the consent of a child's parent/guardian is required.

On the Hudson Coast

Referrals are made by sending a completed *Agir tôt* form to agirtot.csi@ssss.gouv.qc.ca. This form is available on the Inuulitsivik Health Centre's intranet (Direction des services professionnels / *Agir Tôt* tab) and can be obtained through a CLSC/Nursing Station or the local Early Childhood Home (*Ilagiilluta*).

On the Ungava Coast

Partner referrals are made by sending a completed CLSC/Nursing Station referral form to clsc.intake@ssss.gouv.qc.ca. This form can be obtained through CLSC/Nursing Stations. Families are encouraged to contact us by email with their questions (agirtot.cstu@ssss.gouv.qc.ca).

