

PAUKTUUTIT INUIT WOMEN OF CANADA

Inuit Children Matter Future Directions

Pauktuutit recognizes that the work for **Inuit Children** is not complete. Children have yet to receive relevant, practical services in many areas. Many still need much stronger **community-based**, proactive programs.

Pauktuutit's broader national priorities concerning children include:

- Ensure that relevant cultural resources are created and provided for all Inuit child care facilities;
- Address closely related issues such as teen mothers and parenting,
- Address the effects of poverty on Children;
- Address the responsibility for young children that is increasingly on the shoulders of grandparents;
- Examine alternate child care arrangements to empower young mothers and those for whom formal day care is inappropriate;
- Build partnerships around holistic healthy living strategies;
- Focus on the needs of children during their middle childhood years;
- Collaborate closely with federal departments on Inuit childhood issues, initiatives, programs and policy development;
- Enhance and implement the goals and objectives of the Inuit Early Child Development Working Group Strategy;
- Develop and disseminate resources for families, communities, parents and day care staff, including ways to strengthen child care programs to assist children with special needs such as FASD.

