

# Children in Care

## The Role of Inuvialuit Regional Corporation



In 2021, IRC passed its first Inuvialuit law, *Inuvialuit Qitunrariit Inuuniarnikkun Maligaksat*, pertaining to our jurisdiction over children in care. As we thoughtfully and responsibly expand our involvement in Inuvialuit child well being, these are the legal, social and cultural services we currently provide as a full program of support is developed.

Please send all inquiries and legal documents regarding Inuvialuit children in care cases to [childadvocate@inuvialuit.com](mailto:childadvocate@inuvialuit.com)

### Legal Services

- ⦿ We can attend pre-scheduled court hearings to **advocate on behalf of the IRC** pursuant to Bill C-92 and the *Inuvialuit Qitunrariit Inuuniarnikkun Maligaksat*.
- ⦿ We can receive **Notice of Substantive Measures** taken respecting a child in care to ensure proper protocols are followed.
- ⦿ We can connect parents to resources such as **legal aid programs** in their jurisdiction.
- ⦿ We can **correspond with other legal counsel** involved in the legal matter to provide IRC perspective on care.
- ⦿ We **are not yet in a position to represent** the child or parent in court or take a position on individual families. Instead, we advocate for Inuvialuit rights and ensure proper protocols are followed.

### Social & Culture Services

- ⦿ We can help with **Inuit Child First Initiative** applications.
- ⦿ We can ensure children in care are **Registered as Inuvialuit** and can access **Non-Insured Health Benefits**.
- ⦿ We can help make **family connections** and locate relatives in the ISR.
- ⦿ We can attend **case planning meetings** with families and support services and discuss the needs of children and their families.
- ⦿ We can provide Inuvialuit children and families with **counselling services** through our IRC programs and staff.
- ⦿ We can provide **cultural supports** to ensure children in care stay connected to their Inuvialuit customs and heritage.