

Inuvialuit Qitunrariit Inuuniarnikkun – Inuvialuit Family Way of Living Law

In 2021, the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC) passed its first Inuvialuit law, *Inuvialuit Qitunrariit Inuuniarnikkun Maligaksat*, about its jurisdiction over Inuvialuit children in care. As IRC thoughtfully and responsibly expands its involvement in Inuvialuit Child wellbeing, these are the current social, cultural, preventative, and legal services provided through the Maligaksat Services Coordinator and Legal Counsel, as a full program of support is being developed.

Services Offered by Maligaksat Services Coordinator

Call 867-768-5929 or 867-678-5161 or email ssullivan@inuvialuit.com

For All Inuvialuit Children, Youth (up to 29 years), and Families

- Complete Inuvialuit registration/enrolment and ensure access to Non-Insured Health Benefits
- Support Inuit Child First Initiative applications
- Promote Inuvialuit family connections
- Offer counselling services through IRC programs and make referrals to outside agencies
- Provide cultural support to ensure connection to Inuvialuit customs and heritage
- Advocate for children's and parents' rights under all Acts and Laws that apply to them (Such as UNDRIP, TRC Calls to Action, UNCRC, MMIWG2S+ Calls to Justice, Bill C 92, *Inuvialuit Qitunrariit Inuuniarnikkun Maligaksat*, etc.)

For Inuvialuit Children and Youth (up to 29 years) in Care

- Help families navigate the child welfare system in their jurisdiction
- Support children, youth, and parents in agency meetings
- Ensure youth and their families, transitioning out of care, have the resources and support they need

Services Offered by Maligaksat Legal Counsel for all Inuvialuit Children in Care

Email childadvocate@inuvialuit.com

- Attend pre-scheduled court hearings to advocate on behalf of IRC under Bill C 92, and *Inuvialuit Qitunrariit Inuuniarnikkun Maligaksat*
- Receive Notice of Significant Measures respecting a child in care to ensure proper procedures are followed
- Connect parents to resources such as legal aid programs in their jurisdiction
- Correspond with other legal counsel involved to provide IRC perspective on care
- Does not represent the child or parent in court or take a position on individual families, instead, advocates for Inuvialuit rights and ensures proper protocols are followed

For more information about *Inuvialuit Qitunrariit Inuuniarnikkun Maligaksat*, please visit www.irc.inuvialuit.com/childwellbeing

***Maligaksat's goal is to connect with every Inuvialuit Child in care.
If you are a child, youth, parent, or family member, who may need support, please reach out.***