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# Nunavut Youth Centre Environmental Scan



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We would also like to thank each of the Regional Inuit Association's youth programming coordinators for providing direction and assistance for contacts in their regions.

This report provides a preliminary glance at the space and programs available for youth in Nunavut communities. This document could serve as a basis for a more comprehensive study involving multiple stakeholders.

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## INTRODUCTION

The Nunavut Youth Centre Environmental Scan was undertaken in response to commitment 3.6a of the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy (NSPS) Action Plan. The NSPS Action Plan consists of eight primary commitments and a number of objectives under each commitment.

**Commitment 3:** The partners will better equip youth with skills to deal with adverse life events and negative emotions.

*"Considering that many youth in Nunavut grow up in difficult circumstances, much more can be done to ensure that exposure to adverse life events (such as relationship break-ups) or negative emotions does not lead to negative behaviour."*

*"Therefore, the Partners commit to provide a stronger protective foundation for youth to realize their true potential, including but not limited to public campaigns against physical and sexual assault, and parenting classes. In addition, the Partners commit to provide training opportunities for youth to cope with negative emotions, such as providing anger management courses, mental health related school supports, and greater access to healthy activities such as sports or on the land camps."*

| Objective                                                                              | Partners/<br>Stakeholders                                                                          | Actions or Tasks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Anticipated Results                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3.6<br>Increase and support access to healthy activities for youth at community level. | Lead:<br>Implementation committee with Regional Inuit Associations and other relevant stakeholders | Conduct environmental scan of existing youth centres in all Nunavut communities using existing Qikiqtani Inuit Association-developed Youth Centre Survey as a model<br><br>Share best practices with communities<br><br>Develop a plan for incremental establishment of youth centres in each community | Increased awareness of existing healthy youth activities.<br><br>Increased knowledge on what is needed at community level on youth initiatives; sharing of best practices.<br><br>Viable options identified for establishing a youth centre in each community. |

In order to achieve this objective, an environmental scan of existing youth centres and programs in each Nunavut community was carried out from October to December 2013. Despite our best intentions, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association's youth centre survey model was not utilized fully in undertaking this project, however the youth empowerment principles of the model were incorporated to the best of our abilities.

The data collected will serve several practical functions.

First, it will provide a glimpse as to what programming is available for youth across the territory. This information outlines which communities have youth centres, what programming is available to youth, what challenges are faced by youth, and how healthy activities for youth at the community level can be supported. The aim is to obtain a preliminary understanding of the overall scope of programs available for youth in each Nunavut community.

It will also provide a better understanding of how those programs function and how the partners can support them, ensure future resources are given to communities in need, inform how future resources may be distributed, and eventually lead to a coordinated plan for the incremental establishment of youth centres in Nunavut.

## METHODOLOGY

Information was collected through interviews with key informants in each Nunavut community either by phone or email. Conversations took place in both English and Inuktitut.

The Regional Inuit Associations provided the initial contacts in their regions through their youth representatives. Key informants included representatives from the local Hamlet Offices such as Recreation Coordinators, Senior Administrative Officers and Youth Coordinators, as well as local Government of Nunavut or Inuit organization employees such as Community Justice Outreach Workers, Community Liaison Officers and local or regional youth committee representatives.

Key informants were briefed on the purpose of the scan prior to interviews and were sent notes from the interview for review before inclusion. Key informants were also told that they would receive a follow up report on outcomes of this work.

In communities where a centre of sorts existed the questions were divided into five main pillars;

**Operational:** who runs the facility, how many staff (if any), hours of operation, and questions around funding sources.

**Infrastructure:** these questions were about the physical space, whether the centre occupied a stand-alone building, if there was a dedicated space within a shared building, or whether the space was a shared space and only served youth during specific hours.

**Programming:** this gave correspondents a chance to share more about the specific ways that they engaged youth, in which languages, and how the programs were structured.

**Patronage:** this was to ascertain who the primary clientele were and the frequency with which accessed the space.

**Challenges:** in order to better understand how to provide future support to these programs we offered interviewees space to discuss challenges and barriers they faced.

For the communities without a dedicated youth space, which constituted a majority, we spoke with correspondents about the other forms of youth programming that were available in their communities.

#### TIMEFRAME OCTOBER 2013-DECEMBER 2013

All interviews took place between October and December 2013.

#### LIMITATIONS

The primary limitation throughout this environmental scan was the occasional difficulty contacting people in some communities. Community members were contacted through email and phone calls however it was sometimes difficult to connect with anyone in the community at all. This could be attributed to a lack of communications capacity or the timing of phone calls and messages. In some cases, those contacted did not know who to speak with in the community about youth programs or initiatives.

This report is to serve as a preliminary resource regarding youth centres and programming in Nunavut. It could serve as the basis for a second, more comprehensive study involving multiple stakeholders.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

In Nunavut, there are ten communities with some form of youth space or centre and fifteen communities without. There are four each in the Qikiqtaaluk and Kivalliq regions and two in the Kitikmeot region. The majority of communities do not have a dedicated space for youth, however most have made some sort of activities available to youth in the community.

The communities listed as having or not having youth centres were determined by communities themselves.

### Communities with a dedicated youth space or centre by region

|                    |               |             |               |              |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Kitikmeot</b>   | Cambridge Bay | Kugluktuk   |               |              |
| <b>Kivalliq</b>    | Arviat        | Baker Lake  | Coral Harbour | Rankin Inlet |
| <b>Qikiqtaaluk</b> | Iqaluit       | Pangnirtung | Sanikiluaq    | Cape Dorset  |

By and large youth centres were run by Hamlet recreation departments in the community providing a 'drop-in' space for youth where youth could come and go at their leisure and access recreational equipment such as pool tables, television, or computers with internet access.

Funding for youth centres was often supplied by hamlets and supplemented with government grants from Brighter Futures, the Government of Nunavut Department of Culture and Heritage, as well as independent organizations. A number of communities also collected funds through public fundraising.

### Communities without a dedicated youth space or centre by region

|                    |                    |             |             |              |              |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Kitikmeot</b>   | Gjoa Haven         | Kugaaruk    |             |              |              |
| <b>Kivalliq</b>    | Chesterfield Inlet | Repulse Bay | Whale Cove  |              |              |
| <b>Qikiqtaaluk</b> | Arctic Bay         | Clyde River | Grise Fiord | Hall Beach   | Resolute Bay |
|                    | Igloolik           | Kimmirut    | Pond Inlet  | Qikiqtarjuaq |              |

In communities where there was no youth centre or similarly dedicated space or drop-in, informants shared the types of programming or activities available for youth in the community.

In many communities without youth centres, communities made use of existing resources including local gymnasiums where youth would organize sports in the evenings.

In some communities the local youth worker, such as the Community Justice Outreach Worker, the Community Youth Outreach Worker or a youth coordinator, provided some form of programming.

Programming and activities were often led by the youth themselves through local youth committees. These under-supported and usually unfunded committees were found to play a key role in youth programming in communities by leading the fundraising and coordination of events and activities themselves.

A primary challenge for most communities regardless of whether they housed a youth centre was a limited or lack of funding.

Another challenge expressed was regarding turnover and the amount of energy it takes for those in the Recreation Coordinator or Director positions in communities.

## CHALLENGES

### COMMUNITIES WITH YOUTH CENTRES

Communities with youth centres cited numerous issues regarding funding. What little funding was available often did not cover all expenses forcing communities to divert energy from programming to fundraising to cover essential operational needs such as janitorial services. Youth centres noted that recurring vandalism and break-ins even further stressed their limited budgets.

*“We only have \$61, 000 for the entire year for all operations - worker’s wages, fuel, power, internet, cable.” – Coral Harbour Youth Centre*

Funding for many was also unstable, offered on a year-to-year basis creating barriers in offering sustainable programming that responds to the needs of youth or staff.

Many youth accessing the spaces are in crisis situations and in need of support. Often youth enter crisis situations when dealing with intimate relationship difficulties. Feelings can range from sadness to a sense of being alone or even thoughts of suicide. Staff indicated that dealing with these crises often consumes staff time and resources.

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## COMMUNITIES WITHOUT YOUTH CENTRES

Communities without youth centres cited the lack of funds as a major barrier to creating a safe and accessible space for youth. Some communities indicated that they did not have access to any funds and many indicated that what funds were available simply weren't enough.

The foundational capital and operational costs are insurmountable for most communities. Pond Inlet recently completed a feasibility study for the construction of a youth centre that would meet the needs of local youth and the building costs alone were \$3.3 million.

In communities without youth centres, youth were often left to organize for themselves taking on the responsibilities of planning, fundraising, and hosting activities for youth and the community. Youth often had an issue finding spaces available to them. The youth also struggled to engage or mobilize fellow youth on their own.

However, it is also recognized that work is being done by Hamlets in a number of communities through having youth coordinator positions in place and making efforts to free up time and space in local facilities like community halls and rinks. District Education Authorities (DEAs) and schools are also recognized for providing access to gymnasiums for community sports and activities for youth.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

In summary, there are 10 communities with a centre or space for youth and there are 15 communities without. There are four in the Qikiqtaaluk region, four in the Kivalliq region and two in the Kitikmeot region. This table shows the communities broken down by region and describes the type of space available.

| Communities <u>with</u><br>Youth Centres | Type of Space                   | Communities <u>without</u><br>Youth Centres |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b><u>Kitikmeot</u></b>                  |                                 | <b><u>Kitikmeot</u></b>                     |
| Cambridge Bay                            | Stand-alone building            | Gjoa Haven                                  |
| Kugluktuk                                | Space in local community centre | Kugaaruk                                    |
|                                          |                                 | Taloyoak                                    |
| <b><u>Kivalliq</u></b>                   |                                 | <b><u>Kivalliq</u></b>                      |
| Arviat                                   | Stand-alone building            | Chesterfield Inlet                          |
| Baker Lake                               | Use community hall              | Repulse Bay                                 |
| Coral Harbour                            | Stand-alone building            | Whale Cove                                  |
| Rankin Inlet                             | Stand-alone building            |                                             |
| <b><u>Qikiqtaaluk</u></b>                |                                 | <b><u>Qikiqtaaluk</u></b>                   |
| Iqaluit                                  | Space in local community centre | Arctic Bay                                  |
| Pangnirtung                              | Stand-alone building            | Clyde River                                 |
| Sanikiluaq                               | Use community hall              | Grise Fiord                                 |
| Cape Dorset                              | Space in local community centre | Hall Beach                                  |
|                                          |                                 | Igloolik                                    |
|                                          |                                 | Kimmirut                                    |
|                                          |                                 | Pond Inlet                                  |
|                                          |                                 | Qikiqtarjuaq                                |
|                                          |                                 | Resolute Bay                                |
| <b>Total: 10</b>                         |                                 | <b>Total: 15</b>                            |

## COMMUNITY PROFILES BY REGION

### QIKIQTAAALUK

#### ARCTIC BAY

Arctic Bay has no dedicated youth centre or drop-in space for youth. The community had identified a potential space however, due to financial constraints the initiative was dropped.

The Hamlet runs programs for youth out of the community hall and the school gymnasium is open for scheduled sports. The “C-Hall’s” recreational activities are mainly available to youth for play; there is no structured programming. The local youth committee organizes weekly intergenerational gatherings for elders and youth. At these gatherings youth are able to connect with elders to learn new skills such as sewing, hunting, or Inuktitut dance.

Arctic Bay has a local Cadets squadron where youth can participate in activities such as drills, competitions, or even skiing. However, the program can only accept a limited number of youth.

#### Community Assets

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|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Assets/Programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hamlet Recreation Department</li><li>- Community Hall</li><li>- Arctic Bay Youth Committee</li><li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li><li>- Cadets</li><li>- Spark Art Program</li></ul> |
| Challenges      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Funding</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                      |

#### CAPE DORSET

Cape Dorset has a youth centre attached to the community arena. The Hamlet of Cape Dorset’s Recreation Department runs the centre. It is equipped with pool tables, a TV, furniture and a kitchen that youth have access to. Programs such as cooking classes are anticipated to begin early in 2014. The primary challenge described was accessing funding and finding a local person suitable to run programs at the centre.

#### Youth Centre Details

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|-------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Operated by | Hamlet of Cape Dorset Recreation Department |
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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Funding source           | Brighter Futures for Healthy Communities. The Hamlet receives cluster funding for three years of community programming. The Hamlet receives funding and distributes to community for youth centre supervisors, breakfast programs and mental health work in the two schools.                                        |
| Space                    | Attached to the community arena.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Number of staff          | 2 youth workers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Maximum Capacity         | 120                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Age Range                | All ages & age specific hours                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Hours of Operation       | Monday-Friday 6:30pm-11:00pm<br>Weekends 6:30pm-12:00am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Programming & Activities | The youth centre has two pool tables, a ping pong table, a TV and two couches, 4 computers with internet and a small kitchen. They also have movie nights and “Fun days” on Fridays. Cooking classes will be available starting in January 2014.                                                                    |
| Languages                | English, Inuktitut when elders are hired.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Challenges               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finding someone locally to run programs; it has been difficult to find a suitable senior youth worker.</li> <li>- Funding. It used to be easier to apply for funding in the past “first come, first served” basis compared to the current cluster funding plan.</li> </ul> |

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## CLYDE RIVER

Clyde River does not have a youth centre however, the Ilisaqsivik Society provides a youth drop-in program at the Family Resource Centre in the evenings, Monday-Friday, for youth aged 13 and over (unless accompanied by a guardian). This includes board games, cooking times and computers. Activities vary upon requests from youth. The youth drop-in program has been running since 2004. There is also a youth outreach worker available at Ilisaqsivik during the day and during the drop-in program hours.

Ilisaqsivik does not get financial support from the Hamlet of Clyde River but they do get a lot of other support from them. The Hamlet has given Ilisaqsivik the mandate to promote community wellness. All funds for community wellness programming are administered through Ilisaqsivik – i.e. funds from Brighter Futures, community justice committees, GN Health Department, etc.

There is periodic land-based programming throughout the year depending on funding. For example, they have organized hunting trips in the past, two-week programs with mentors and

youth (similar to a “big brother” program). Age ranges vary but thirteen is usually the minimum age except for rare cases.

Programs are coordinated and administrated by Ilisaqsivik, but done in collaboration with organizations in the community. For example, the school provides the space and insurance for sports programs while Ilisaqsivik provides the supervision. Students can also get credits through school for certain programs that Ilisaqsivik offers. They work with the Health Centre and Mental Health workers, i.e. Health staff will sometimes refer youth to take some of the programs available, will encourage youth and inform the society of the referral. They have worked with the elders committee and community justice committees in past years as well.

They do not have any issues with finding supervisors, youth to participate, space or community collaboration. The key challenge is funding. They can find funding, but often at the last minute which makes planning programs difficult. For example, seasonal programs like the dog-teaming program can be difficult to deliver if the funding is not received until January-February, the coldest and darkest time of year. Some programs are only run if the funding is granted in a given fiscal year, which means some programs are not available for 4-5 months of the year. Some funding institutions usually want to fund programs based on best practices however, they often don’t want to fund the same program two years in a row. It would be better to have multi-year pots of funding.

The community has a youth sports program at the school gymnasium on Monday-Saturday, from 6:00pm-10:00pm. There are scheduled activities for different age groups. The Hamlet also runs a hockey club, teen dances and opens the community hall for drop-in time.

The best program Ilisaqsivik has run for youth was a hip hop program called “Blue Print for Life”. This program had really good attendance over a 5 year span. They had practices 3 times a week, with 60-70 kids at each practice. They had counselors and elders available at practices. Kids were referred to counselors when needed; those that ran the program were also able to intervene with suicide related scenarios when needed. This program allowed for an approach to suicide prevention where they were able to help kids focus on positives and help develop protective factors. Resiliency, cultural connections and learning from elders were all a part of the program. They were able to reach the most at-risk youth with this program. Due to a lack of funding, the program has been inactive for the past year and a half.

A challenging factor is a noted disconnect between the criteria for youth-specific funding and the kind of programming that youth are actively requesting.

| Community Assets |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Assets/Programs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ilisaqsivik Society</li><li>- Ilisaqsivik’s “youth drop-in” program</li><li>- Ilisaqsivik seasonal land-based programming</li><li>- Youth Outreach Worker available at Ilisaqsivik</li></ul> |

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|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hamlet of Clyde River Recreation Department</li> <li>- Community hall opened for drop-in use</li> <li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li> <li>- Community support for Ilisaqsivik</li> <li>- After-school sports program</li> </ul> |
| Challenges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funding consistency</li> <li>- Lack of advocacy support for certain programs</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                           |

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## GRISE FIORD

Grise Fiord does not have a youth centre. They do not have a youth committee either. With a population of approximately 200, this community does not have much in terms of programs for youth. There is a Grise Fiord cooking class coordinated by the school. The gym is used for community evening sports and recreation as well. There are currently no special projects focused on youth.

| Community Assets |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Assets/Programs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hamlet Recreation Department</li> <li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li> <li>- Cooking class coordinated through the school</li> </ul> |
| Challenges       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No programs focused on youth available</li> </ul>                                                                                                     |

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## HALL BEACH

Hall Beach does not have a youth centre. They do have a youth committee. There is periodic youth programming in the community when funding is available. The gym is used for community evening sports and recreation as well. There was difficulty connecting with community representatives to speak with directly during the timeframe of this environmental scan.

| Community Assets |                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Assets/Programs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hamlet Recreation Department</li> <li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li> <li>- Youth committee</li> </ul> |
| Challenges       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- N/A</li> </ul>                                                                                                           |
| Other            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Difficult to connection with someone in this community</li> </ul>                                                        |

## IGLOOLIK

Igloolik does not have a youth centre. The community hall however is opened as a sort of drop-in space for the community. The community hall functions as a drop-in centre for youth, children and adults. They have two canteen staff and a hall monitor working during the week at the hall, and three canteen staff on the weekend.

The community hall was built in 1976 by a group of volunteers in the community and has been run by the Hamlet since. The budget for their staff and the hall operations comes directly out of the Hamlet's annual budget. The Hamlet Recreation Coordinator oversees the community hall activities. They are building a new community centre which will open sometime in 2014.

The community hall does not have afterschool programming however that is something the Recreation Coordinator hopes to start in the coming year. The only other youth programming in the community are the opening of the school gymnasiums and afterschool programs run by the schools. There is also the ArtCirq circus group in place.

Challenges include finding qualified youth programmers from within the community and turnover of the Recreation Coordinator position. It is recognized that this turnover is likely due to the position requiring a lot of energy which can lead to fatigue and burnout. The programs are provided for free or a minimal charge, so there is never enough funding to do everything. Trying to incorporate traditional and modern education/themes into the programs can also be challenging. Running specific courses and bringing in specialists to teach all requires funding as well.

| Community Assets |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Assets/Programs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hamlet of Igloolik Recreation Department</li><li>- Community hall open for drop-in activities</li><li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li><li>- Afterschool programs</li><li>- ArtCirq circus program</li></ul> |
| Challenges       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Finding youth programmers within the community</li><li>- Funding</li><li>- Incorporating both traditional and modern themes in programs</li></ul>                                                                            |
| Other            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- New community centre opening in 2014</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                               |

## IQALUIT

Iqaluit's Makkuktukkuvik youth centre is run by the City of Iqaluit's Recreation Department. It is located in the AWG arena complex. The youth centre has activities available like pool, table tennis and computers. They also offer numerous programs including peer counseling, cooking classes, game nights, a volunteer program, youth council, resume building and more. The activities and programs they offer are based on suggestions from youth. Challenges highlighted included providing consistent weekly programming due to attendance as well as supporting youth in crisis and youth relationships.

| Youth Centre Details     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Operated by              | City of Iqaluit Recreation Department                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Funding source           | Non-profit organization operated by the City of Iqaluit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Space                    | Located in Arctic Winter Games Arena Complex, space provided by City of Iqaluit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Number of staff          | 2 full time staff, half a dozen casual staff                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Maximum Capacity         | No maximum capacity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Age Range                | 13-18; Pre-teen program for 9-12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Hours of Operation       | <p>Teen Drop-in:<br/> Monday-Thursday 3:15pm-9:30pm<br/> Friday 3:15pm-11:00pm<br/> Saturday 12:00pm-3:45pm &amp; 6:30pm-12:00am<br/> Sunday 2:00pm-8:00pm</p> <p>Pre-teen Program:<br/> Saturday 4:00pm-6:00pm</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Programming & Activities | <p>Activities: Pool tables, table tennis, soccer, music, computers, etc. Events on weekends include Inuit games, hockey tournaments, movie nights and dances.</p> <p>Programs: All drop-in programs, including cooking, game nights, resume building, dances, youth council, a volunteer program, peer counseling as well as turf time in the summer and ice skating in the winter.</p> <p>Various workshops are offered in partnership with organizations like GN Public Health, for example. They also work with other organizations to host afterschool snacks.</p> |
| Languages                | All English. They do encourage youth to speak Inuktitut.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Challenges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low attendance with programming. Weekly programs can't have guaranteed regular attendance because it is a drop-in centre. They try to accommodate the youth.</li> <li>- Youth in crisis - constantly dealing with youth in crisis.</li> <li>- Youth relationships. Regularly dealing with boyfriend/girlfriend relationships that can sometimes lead to youth having bad feelings, feeling alone or sometimes suicidal. Always trying to have information available to youth to help in dealing with relationships.</li> </ul> |
| Other      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They try to keep a safe, fun, caring atmosphere. Staff focus on building relationships with youth.</li> <li>- There are a lot of kids that come every day; they're in school every day and don't want to be pressured into participating in activities.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## KIMMIRUT

There is no youth centre or space designated for youth in Kimmirut. The gymnasium is open regularly for community sports activities. The arena lobby has a pool table and table tennis table that is used as an open hangout space for the community as well however, the arena was closed at the time of the interview.

The Hamlet's Community Economic Development Officer has been working on establishing a youth committee. They had their first meeting in November, where they elected a president, vice president and three members. They also have an elder advisor. Although the CEDO has helped to form this committee, they will be on their own to run the committee. The youth committee hopes to have fundraisers in order to host community events such as Christmas activities and on-the-land programs. They also hope to have programs where they help elders in the community.

The CEDO will direct the youth committee to funding opportunities in 2014 and will also be looking into finding a space for a youth centre.

Challenges expressed included a lack of community support for youth, funding and a lack of space available for youth. Specifically, there is competition for a single space in the community arena that could potentially be used for a youth centre.

The CEDO emphasized that there are good youth in Kimmirut; they just need a space of their own. They are very enthusiastic about the youth committee and will be working towards finding a youth centre. The CEDO has encouraged them by telling them to inform their MLA and political representatives about their concerns and to make themselves heard.

| Community Assets |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Assets/Programs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hamlet Recreation Department</li> <li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li> <li>- Community arena</li> <li>- Youth Committee</li> </ul>             |
| Challenges       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of community support for youth</li> <li>- Funding</li> <li>- Lack of space available for youth – limited infrastructural space in the community</li> </ul> |

## PANGNIRTUNG

Pangnirtung has a youth centre run through the Hamlet of Pangnirtung's Making Connections for Youth program. Activities available at the youth centre are based on suggestions from the youth council. Activities include pool, computers, board games and video games. They occasionally run evening programs for youth including amauti making and ulu making. A primary challenge highlighted was security, safety and surveillance of the youth centre.

| Youth Centre Details |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Operated by          | Making Connections for Youth – Hamlet of Pangnirtung                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Funding source       | Making Connections for Youth; Brighter Futures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Space                | Stand-alone building. The Hamlet of Pangnirtung is renting the building from the local Anglican Church.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Number of staff      | 2 staff – a full time day manager and part-time evening manager                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Maximum Capacity     | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Age Range            | 13-30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Hours of Operation   | <p>Tuesday &amp; Thursday 2:00pm-5:00pm, 6:00pm-9:00pm<br/>         Wednesday 2:00pm-5:00pm<br/>         Friday &amp; Saturday 2:00pm-5:00pm, 6:00pm-11:00pm</p> <p>Occasionally have Sunday rentals (\$50 per hour), with the exception of Church service hours.</p> |

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| Programming & Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Activities are based on suggestions from the youth council. The youth centre has a pool table, computer room (five computers with internet access), board games, Xbox and Play Station game systems and a canteen (they sell juice, chips and candy – no pop on the request of the youth council).</li> <li>- They occasionally run evening programs for youth, including Amauti making. They occasionally have boys' nights and girls' nights on Saturdays.</li> </ul>                                     |
| Languages                | Inuktitut. They always have elders teaching at the centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Challenges               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enforcing rules can sometimes be overwhelming for staff at the youth centre.</li> <li>- Maintenance, keeping the youth centre clean.</li> <li>- Equipment being broken without staff being notified.</li> <li>- Security used to be a main challenge. They had frequent break-ins to the youth centre until alarm system was put in place a couple of years ago. Alarm system automatically calls staff and by-law officer.</li> <li>- Intoxicated people coming in and out of the youth centre.</li> </ul> |
| Other                    | The Pangnirtung Youth Council helps to determine what takes place at the youth centre. The youth council consists of ten members – five executive members and five regular members. The youth council meets monthly or more as needed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## POND INLET

There is no youth centre or designated space for youth in Pond Inlet. The Community Youth Outreach Worker runs afterschool sports at the elementary school twice a week. There is also an anti-bullying program at the elementary school for grades 4-6 once a week. This involves bullying awareness and how to react to bullying. CYOW also runs a weekly afterschool "BINGO" which focuses on teaching about healthy relationships and anger management at the high school. He is working on setting up a mentorship program through the Victim's Assistance Fund in 2014. He is also planning on starting a hip hop program soon as well.

Programs are delivered in English, and Inuktitut when possible. Challenges include difficulty in finding supervisors for activities and access to equipment. The CYOW previously ran movie nights, floor hockey, badminton and other evening sports but can no longer use the school's equipment due to liability concerns.

The CYOW is working with the CEDO and Community Economic Development Committee to try to get a youth centre. They just completed a feasibility study that showed that \$3.3 million is needed for a youth centre.

There is no youth committee in the community. There are some other afterschool programs delivered by teachers. The Recreation Coordinator also runs some activities for the community as well.

| Community Assets |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Assets/Programs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hamlet Recreation Department</li> <li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li> <li>- Community Youth Outreach Worker</li> <li>- Afterschool programs</li> </ul> |
| Challenges       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Difficulty finding supervisors for activities</li> <li>- Access to equipment</li> <li>- Funding</li> </ul>                                                               |

## QIKIQTARJUAQ

There is no youth centre or designated space for youth in Qikiqtarjuaq. They do have a youth committee that we were directed to speak with. The youth committee has eight volunteer members. The youth committee is supported by the Hamlet Recreation department and the Mayor.

The youth committee re-mobilized last summer and tries to meet monthly or more as needed. They have held fundraiser events for youth and elder activities and events in the community. They have held dances for the community and will be hosting a feast and games evening when the new Hamlet Office opens. All activities are in Inuktitut. Depending on their fundraising efforts, upcoming plans include having elders speak with youth about Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

They did not express having any challenges at the moment as they are in the early stages of development. They will need assistance with proposal writing in 2014.

| Community Assets |                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Assets/Programs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hamlet Recreation Department</li> <li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li> <li>- Youth Committee</li> </ul> |
| Challenges       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth committee will need support, including assistance with proposal writing</li> </ul>                                 |

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## RESOLUTE BAY

There is no youth centre or designated space for youth in Resolute Bay. They do have a youth committee that consists of eight members. We were directed to a youth committee representative to speak to youth programs in the community. The committee was formed at the end of August 2013. They hold activities in the community such as monthly movie nights. They held a Haunted House event free to the community in October. They hope to host a land program and paraskiing in the future. At the time of conversation, they were fundraising to host one evening of games for the community during the Christmas holiday season.

Challenges expressed included motivating youth because the committee was still new at the time. Another challenge is recognition from the community. They are trying to show to the community that this is not a temporary effort and that they are there to help create sustainable programs and activities.

They do receive some support from the Hamlet. Their financial statements are taken care of and the rental space, the gymnasium, is provided to them by the Hamlet.

| Community Assets |                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Assets/Programs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hamlet Recreation Department</li><li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li><li>- Youth Committee</li></ul> |
| Challenges       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Motivating youth</li><li>- Community support for youth committee</li></ul>                                            |

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## SANIKILUAQ

Sanikiluaq does have a space available for youth. The community hall is used as a drop-in space for youth to use for play in the evenings. There are not any organized programs however sports are a common activity. The hall is a space that is used for all community events. This was expressed as part of a challenge as repairs are frequently needed.

| Youth Centre Details |                                                                      |
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| Operated by          | Hamlet of Sanikiluaq Recreation Department                           |
| Funding source       | Hamlet of Sanikiluaq; Community fundraisers                          |
| Space                | Shared space. Located in the community hall, attached to the arena.  |
| Number of staff      | 4 part-time staff that alternate; there are 2 supervisors at a time. |
| Maximum Capacity     | N/A                                                                  |

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| Age Range                | Youth of all ages.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Hours of Operation       | Weekdays 6:00pm-11:00pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Programming & Activities | No organized programs. Sports equipment like hockey and volleyball nets are available for use. Supervisors will occasionally organize games for the youth.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Languages                | English and Inuktitut                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Challenges               | Problems with the community hall include frequent damages. The community hall is a gym but is not adequate, it has a lot of construction issues and repairs are needed frequently.<br><br>Supervisors try to enforce rules but older youth tend to dominate the use of space and time so activities for younger kids are limited. |
| Other                    | The community hall is used for many community events like bingo and fundraising to actually run the community hall. Court also takes place in the same space.                                                                                                                                                                     |

## KIVALLIQ

### ARVIAT

Arviat does have a youth drop-in centre run through the Community Wellness Centre. The Hamlet of Arviat covers the costs for power and utilities but other than that the centre is voluntarily run. The space has a TV, home theatre system, air hockey, couches and a kitchen. The centre is also used by young men's and young women's groups, a Parenting program, as well as by the elder's advocacy group during the day. The primary challenge expressed was that the centre does not currently have any funding.

| Youth Centre Details |                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Operated by          | Community Wellness Centre                                                                                                                              |
| Funding source       | Currently do not have any funding. The Hamlet of Arviat pays for power and utilities. They will be looking at funding sources in the next fiscal year. |
| Space                | Stand-alone building.                                                                                                                                  |
| Number of staff      | All volunteer-run.                                                                                                                                     |
| Maximum Capacity     | Unofficial maximum capacity is 60.                                                                                                                     |
| Age Range            | All ages. During the day, the centre is used by the elders' advocacy group; during the evening it is used by youth of all ages.                        |

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| Hours of Operation       | Open 5 nights a week, afterschool and evenings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Programming & Activities | <p>Evening drop-in centre hangout for youth. They have a TV, home theatre system, pool table, foosball, air hockey, couches (donated by RCMP) and a kitchen.</p> <p>There are going to be young men's and young women's groups that will use the centre twice a week starting in 2014. There is also a Parenting program two nights a week and Saturday afternoon. The elders' advocacy group also uses the centre during the day.</p> |
| Languages                | All Inuktitut.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Challenges               | No funding for maintenance so when something breaks, they are not able to replace it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## BAKER LAKE

Baker Lake has a youth drop-in space within the community recreation centre. The space, equipment and staff are provided by the Hamlet of Baker Lake. It is a shared space that is used for other community events but most evenings it is designated to youth. A new youth coordinator was recently hired and is currently developing programs to run with youth, with the help of other community stakeholders. A challenge expressed was the need for extra funding to develop programs and get materials and supplies needed for programs.

The community also has an active youth committee known as B.L.A.S.T. ("Baker Lake Against Suicide Team") that organizes community events to promote positive living.

| Youth Centre Details |                                                                                             |
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| Operated by          | Hamlet of Baker Lake Recreation Department                                                  |
| Funding source       | Hamlet of Baker Lake                                                                        |
| Space                | Shared space – located in the recreation centre. Space provided by the Hamlet.              |
| Number of staff      | 1 full time staff person – youth coordinator; 2 casual staff that alternate evening shifts. |
| Maximum Capacity     | N/A                                                                                         |
| Age Range            | 13-25                                                                                       |
| Hours of Operation   | <p>Weekdays 6:30pm-9:30pm</p> <p>Weekends 7:00 pm–1:45am</p>                                |

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| Programming & Activities | <p>The youth drop-in centre is referred to as “pool hall”. There currently are six ping pong tables, two dozen board games, six new computers to be installed, bubble hockey and a foosball table.</p> <p>Programs: The new youth coordinator was preparing youth programs at the time of the interview. They will include arts and crafts, karaoke nights, movie nights, etc. The recreation staff, youth coordinator and Hamlet Council representatives are working together in the development of programs. They will have elders involved in some programs, such as arts and crafts and traditional tool making.</p>                                                                                                                             |
| Languages                | Programs will be run in both Inuktitut and English.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Challenges               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Getting materials and supplies for programs. For example, the youth coordinator has been requesting donations for arts and crafts supplies.</li> <li>- Funding for extra programming is needed.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Other                    | <p>Baker Lake has an active sports association, the Baker Lake Youth Athletics Association.</p> <p>Community has an active youth committee, B.L.A.S.T. (“Baker Lake Against Suicide Team”) that regularly organizes community events to promote positive living. One of their challenges includes a lack of support at times. They would prefer to have a separate youth centre of their own that they don’t have to share with other community events.</p> <p>B.L.A.S.T. suggested that there is a need to have older youth mentoring younger youth. They also need more support from the Hamlet Council for youth and youth programs.</p> <p>It is hoped that the youth center is created to focus on youth capacity building and development.</p> |

## CHESTERFIELD INLET

There is no youth centre or designated space for youth in Chesterfield Inlet. There are only two loosely organized activities for youth in Chester. The community arena and gymnasium are open to the community to use for sports. There are a very limited number of coaches for youth

in the community. The community complex also has a computer lab that is used when a supervisor is available. There are supervisors at both the arena and the gym, the Hamlet receives third party funding for these positions.

There is a traditional kayak making program run through the school in the spring and fall that is offered in Inuktitut and English. The kayaks are built in the spring and then kayak paddling takes place in the beginning of the school year. Their school has 22 kayaks built to date, anticipating that 28 will be ready to go into the water next school year. High school students earn 4 credits throughout the kayak making program.

There is not much available for youth in the community. One challenge includes a lack of funding for supervisors. All community complex and gym supervisors are paid through the Hamlet, who obtain third party funding for the positions. Youth around 18-22 years old are hired for these positions. However, this funding always runs out around March, so the community hall and gym close temporarily because there are no longer any supervisors.

Another challenge is a lack of a facility and equipment. There isn't any space available for youth besides the gymnasium. At the gym the time is used openly for sports so if there is one basketball and thirty youth only a small number of kids get to play. A proper facility would go a long way in helping with crime reduction, especially if programming was available.

The two biggest challenges are the lack of facility and structure, there are so many youth in the community and what they have currently doesn't meet the demand. Chesterfield Inlet is the third smallest community in Nunavut so their needs are often overlooked by those communities with bigger populations.

| Community Assets |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Assets/Programs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hamlet Recreation Department</li><li>- Community arena</li><li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li><li>- School kayak-making program</li></ul> |
| Challenges       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lack of facility space and structure</li><li>- Lack of equipment</li><li>- Funding for supervisors</li></ul>                                                |

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## CORAL HARBOUR

Coral Harbour has a youth centre that was opened in April 2013. The youth centre is operated by the Kaayuuq Youth Society with the help of the Hamlet of Coral Harbour. The centre is equipped with a TV, DVD player, pool table, wireless internet and more. The Kaayuuq Youth Society has developed plans for 2014 programming. The building is now in place but they need

regular funding to keep the centre running. Finding funding is their main challenge. They are operating on a limited budget of \$61,000 a year. “We only have \$61,000 for the entire year for all operations - worker’s wages, fuel, power, internet, cable”, a staff member stated. They have had to fundraise and pull funding from other sources to pay for the janitor’s wages.

| Youth Centre Details     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Operated by              | Kaayuuq Youth Society.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Funding source           | A combination of funding grants; \$61,000 annual budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Space                    | Stand-alone building, donated to the society by the Hamlet of Coral Harbour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Number of staff          | 3 staff - manager, supervisor, janitor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Maximum Capacity         | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Age Range                | 13 (or gr.7) - 22 years.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Hours of Operation       | Evenings, 6:00PM-11:00PM.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Programming & Activities | <p>Activities: TV, DVD player, pool table, darts, music, wireless internet.</p> <p>Programs so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth picnic held in summer 2013.</li> <li>- 2 elders come in to talk to youth twice a month.</li> <li>- Community cluster programs - Wellness Coordinator provides workshops on healthy relationships, coping skills, etc.</li> <li>- Wellness coordinator, cultural support worker, justice worker came together in organizing an event for youth in the summer of 2013.</li> <li>- Qaujigiaqtiit’s Makimautiksat Youth Wellness and Empowerment Camp took place last summer as well.</li> <li>- They have developed a schedule of programs for 2014 that they plan to do depending on funding.</li> </ul> |
| Languages                | Inuktitut and English                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Challenges               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drugs and alcohol in the community.</li> <li>- Funding – they only have \$61,000 for the entire year. That is for all operations, including workers’ wages, fuel, power, internet and cable. It is not enough.</li> <li>- The janitor is being paid by Kaayuuq Youth Committee money that they have fundraised. They received a disability funding grant to help cover the janitor’s wages as well.</li> <li>- Constant funding-seeking, they need more funding grants.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| Other | Kaayuuq Youth Society was incorporated in November 2012. They have a Board of Directors. They received funding from the GN Department of Culture and Heritage for materials for exterior renovations of the youth centre building. The Kivalliq Mine Training Society covered the labour for interior renovations. |
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## RANKIN INLET

Rankin Inlet has a youth drop-in centre run by the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet. The drop-in centre has TVs, game systems, ping pong and pool tables. The centre is used year-round, for older youth in the evenings in the winter and for younger kids during the day in the summer. Main challenges expressed were maintenance issues and developing sustainable programs. The community also has a youth committee that has recently mobilized.

| Youth Centre Details     |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Operated by              | Hamlet of Rankin Inlet Recreation Department                                                                                                                                                    |
| Funding source           | The Hamlet of Rankin Inlet provides the funding for the operations of the drop-in centre. A lot of funding also comes from local fundraising.                                                   |
| Space                    | It is a stand-alone building, owned and provided by the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet.                                                                                                                 |
| Number of staff          | In the summer, it is used as a day camp with a varying number of staff/youth leaders. In the winter, typically 2 staff each night.                                                              |
| Maximum Capacity         | Maximum 75 people (but they never reach capacity)                                                                                                                                               |
| Age Range                | In the summer, there is a youth day camp for 5-12 year olds. In the winter, it is open in the evenings with scheduled times set aside for teenagers.                                            |
| Hours of Operation       | Summer: all day.<br>Winter: Evenings from 4:00pm-10:00 pm                                                                                                                                       |
| Programming & Activities | Drop-in style program. The centre has four TVs, gaming systems, ping pong and pool tables. In the summer day camp program, they have more organized activities like sports and arts and crafts. |
| Languages                | English and Inuktitut.                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| Challenges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintenance. Recreation Coordinator and department take care of maintenance of the drop-in centre building, including setting up or fixing equipment and keeping the space clean.</li> <li>- General issues like staffing and people involved in running the centre.</li> <li>- Biggest challenge is putting sustainable programs together, like art programs, rather than the “drop-in” aspect.</li> </ul> |
| Other      | The Siginiq Youth Council recently mobilized. They have had some trouble knowing where to start and what to do in the community. They said any support would be appreciated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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## REPULSE BAY

There is no youth centre or designated space for youth in Repulse Bay. There is no youth committee either. There was difficulty in connecting with someone to speak with directly regarding activities for youth. The Recreation Coordinator was a recommended contact but there was difficulty connecting with this person. The community does have a school cooking club.

| Community Assets |                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Assets/Programs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hamlet Recreation Department</li> <li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li> <li>- School cooking club</li> </ul> |
| Challenges       | - N/A                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Other            | - Difficult to connect with someone in this community.                                                                                                                |

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## WHALE COVE

There is no youth centre or designated space for youth in Whale Cove. There used to be a youth committee but it is not existent anymore. The school gym is open for evening sports throughout the week. There are regular school sports practices and tournaments for youth to attend throughout the school year. The community hall is open for dances on the weekends. There are not very many programs in the community for youth. Occasionally the Community

Justice Committee will run land programs. They also have a Tiki floor hockey tournament in the summer.

| Community Assets |                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Assets/Programs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hamlet Recreation Department</li><li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li><li>- Community arena</li></ul> |
| Challenges       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Limited programming available for youth</li></ul>                                                                     |

## KITIKMEOT

### GJOA HAVEN

Gjoa Haven does not have an operational youth centre at the moment. The youth committee does have a building that was donated to them by the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven however the building is not currently usable. It has been in a state of renovation for about five years. The building was converted from a commercial building to a residential building which initially prolonged the process. The building currently needs electrical and plumbing work done to be brought up to regulation code; funding is needed to have these parts completed.

There are afterschool sports programs, the gymnasium is open for community sports and the community hall is open to youth in the evenings. The community hall has a weight room and has supervisors as well. There is also a skating program where two students are hired to teach younger kids how to skate. They also have Arctic Sports in the community.

It was also noted that the youth committee needs more support to meet regularly to be active in the community. One interviewee commented that, “the community really needs the youth committee; it could make life a lot easier for a lot of people.” They are a fairly big community with little to do for youth.

The primary challenge is not having a building for youth; they need to get the one they have up and running. Funding is needed to complete the renovations of the building.

| Community Assets |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Assets/Programs  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hamlet Recreation Department</li> <li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li> <li>- Community hall</li> <li>- Youth committee</li> <li>- Skating program</li> </ul> |
| Challenges       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funding to complete youth centre building renovations</li> <li>- Support for youth committee</li> </ul>                                                                       |

## CAMBRIDGE BAY

Cambridge Bay has a youth centre coordinated through the Hamlet Recreation Department. Activities include pool, air hockey, ping pong, TVs and games. They are currently in the process of developing weekly programming. They also provide counseling for youth. A main challenge expressed was year-to-year funding which requires a lot of proposal writing and waiting to hear whether they will be able to keep the centre running for another year or not.

| Youth Centre Details     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Operated by              | Hamlet of Cambridge Bay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Funding source           | Contribution agreement with the Government of Nunavut. GN Department of Health contributes funding as well.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Space                    | Stand-alone building owned by the Hamlet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Number of staff          | 9 staff. Recreation Coordinator oversees the youth centre. The youth centre has one main supervisor. They have three staff afterschool for younger kids and two staff in the evenings for teens.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Maximum Capacity         | Not specified.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Age Range                | School age – kindergarten age to early twenties.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Hours of Operation       | Monday-Thursday 3:30pm-10:00pm<br>Friday-Saturday 3:30pm-midnight<br>Closed on Sundays and in the summer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Programming & Activities | <p>Activities: pool, air hockey, ping pong tables, TVs and games. No organized weekly programs, however they are currently in the process of developing some. They have had hip hop programs, wrestling, judo as well as talks on drugs/alcohol and self-esteem.</p> <p>They have been bringing in people to deliver programs but they are also developing their own. A hip hop crew that focuses on self-esteem and teamwork is going to be in Cambridge Bay in January</p> |

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|            | <p>2014. There is a continuation component to that program after they leave.</p> <p>There is a counseling portion for teens at the youth centre as well; the Recreation Coordinator (social work background) provides the counseling portion.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Languages  | English is the primary language.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Challenges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Building size – it is a long, narrow building. It is hard to carry out full time programming in the space because of the number of kids that attend</li> <li>- Staffing – the time needed to develop mentors is a challenge.</li> <li>- Funding – year-to-year funding means a lot of proposal writing, waiting to hear back and wondering whether they'll have funding in the future. They have received funding on a year-to-year basis for four years.</li> </ul>                                    |
| Other      | <p>It is hoped that the youth centre continues to grow and thrive, to become a safe place for youth.</p> <p>There are other youth activities and programs run through the community Wellness Centre. The youth outreach coordinators there have designed programs for youth.</p> <p>There are also recreational sports programs for youth 3-4 times a week. The gym is open from 6:00pm-11:00pm. Sports activities include volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey, curling and swimming in the summer. There are dances on weekends as well.</p> |

## KUGLUKTUK

Kugluktuk has a youth centre that is currently under construction. It is anticipated to be complete and open by the spring of 2014. The Hamlet of Kugluktuk's Recreation Department has led this project with the help of various funding sources. They are currently seeking funding to complete the unfinished rooms and details of the building. The community has played a role in the development of the youth centre, including recommending what activities and programs will be made available. The main challenge expressed is dealing with vandalism and security of the youth centre.

| Youth Centre Details:    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Operated by              | Hamlet of Kugluktuk Recreation Department.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Funding source           | The Hamlet of Kugluktuk.<br>Kugluktuk's youth centre is currently being built. They are still looking for funding to complete some rooms. They also receive funding from various sources. They are hoping to receive third party funding for a youth coordinator position to ensure the youth centre is running properly and sustainably.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Space                    | Located in community complex; the Hamlet has provided the space in-kind.<br>The space used to be two curling rinks. The location is better for sustainability as it allows for a cut-back of extra expenses because it is located in the community complex.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Number of staff          | They do not have any staff lined up yet. A youth coordinator is to be hired.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Maximum Capacity         | To be determined.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Age Range                | Will be open to all youth.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Hours of Operation       | To be determined.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Programming & Activities | They approached the schools and youth for input on what they would like to see in the youth centre. Activities to include table tennis, pool tables, a theatre room, an area for children, an office for arts/crafts and homework, as well as a counseling/tutoring room.<br><br>The youth coordinator and youth group will work together to plan programming.                                                                                                                            |
| Languages                | Both English and Inuinnaqtun. They want to encourage Inuinnaqtun so everything will be bilingual.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Challenges               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vandalism is their biggest challenge. The youth centre has already been broken into twice and it isn't even complete yet.</li> <li>- Need proper security. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o They've formed a disciplinary group from the youth group to determine how to deal with vandalism – disciplinary action from peers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Youth centre project has taken a long time - three years in the making.</li> </ul> |
| Other                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hamlet fully supports the project and will cover any funding expenses if current funding is ever cut.</li> <li>- They initially aimed to be open by Christmas but now are hoping for a March 2014 opening.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

- Other youth focused programming in the community includes a play production focused on suicide prevention/awareness, "Human Cargo's" production of **Night** in January 2014. They will also be going to other communities in the North. They are looking to set up the theatre production/play as an intro or finale to an awareness/prevention campaign. More information on the play can be obtained through Christopher Morris and the Ontario Arts Council Jury, [christopher@humancargo.ca](mailto:christopher@humancargo.ca).

## KUGAARUK

There is no youth centre or designated space for youth in Kugaaruk. They used to have one but due to a shortage of office space in the community it was turned into a work space. There has been discussion in the community about turning an old building into a youth centre.

There is no youth committee at the moment. Local community workers inquired with youth about interest in forming a youth committee so this is anticipated to begin in 2014.

The school gym is open every evening from 5:00pm-10:30pm for community sports. There is a schedule for different age groups. There has been a recent increase in organized sports in the community. The community has recently started a volleyball league and the CJOW and Recreation Director are trying to start up a basketball league.

A lot of the youth programming in the community is run by the Community Justice Outreach Worker. The person in this role tries to develop crime prevention programs. One example was a sewing program for young mothers. Funding was recently received to continue this program in the school for students in the New Year, with the possibility that students can receive school credits. The CJOW is involved with a lot of the planning and organizing of youth programs in the community, "work that could not be done without energetic and enthusiastic colleagues".

Main challenges include vandalism because of a lack of supervisors in the community spaces. This includes bullying and graffiti on the walls of municipal buildings and property. There is some difficulty in getting the message across to youth that, "this is their building, it is for them to use and respect."

## Community Assets

### Programs/Assets

- Hamlet Recreation Department
- School gymnasium open for community sports
- Community Justice Outreach Worker - crime prevention

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|            | programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Wellness Coordinator</li> <li>- Organized sports</li> </ul> |
| Challenges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vandalism</li> <li>- Lack of youth centre/space for youth</li> </ul>           |

## TALOYOAK

There is no youth centre or designated space for youth in Taloyoak. There is a youth committee known as the “Taloyoak Hamlet Youth Committee”, run with the help of the Hamlet. They used to have an Elders and Youth committee but they were split into two separate committees. There are currently five members on the youth committee. One of the Hamlet Councilors is the chairperson but is also busy with a full time job. A youth committee representative claimed that there is, “Absolutely nothing going on, nothing for youth.”

The school gym is open six days a week for community sports in the evenings. The community hall is open on Friday and Saturdays for teen dances. The youth committee has talked about fundraising to host activities and events for youth like Inuit games and teen dances but have not been able to. They have also talked about fundraising for a youth centre.

The main challenge expressed was the need for a youth centre or space for youth in the community. Vandalism and break-ins are an issue as well. There was a youth centre being built in previous years but all windows were broken so they discontinued building – there was no funding left for it. The community hall/arena was being renovated all of last spring and summer so the youth were not left with any options. A youth representative said, “It is hard for youth, they need the advice and guidance of elders.”

| Community Assets |                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Programs/Assets  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School gymnasium open for community sports</li> <li>- Community Hall</li> <li>- Youth Committee</li> </ul> |
| Challenges       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of a youth centre or space for youth</li> <li>- Vandalism and Security</li> </ul>                     |

## CONCLUSIONS

This report outlines which communities have youth centres or spaces available to youth and what programs are available for those that do not. The information gathered in this report shows us the range of challenges that communities with and without youth centres experience.

For communities without youth centres, the lack of such a space and lack of funding for programs are primary challenges. For those with youth centres, security of the centres and providing sustainable programming and resources is often a challenge.

We see that the Hamlet Recreation Departments play a significant role in maintaining youth centres in Nunavut. Having school gymnasiums open for community sports is significant for communities as well.

A common theme that arose was that Nunavut youth are motivated and enthusiastic about being involved in their communities. Another common theme that arose was an interest in youth-elder collaboration.

We have also seen that youth committees primarily lead activities and programs for youth and for their communities in general. These youth committees operate with very little support and funding. Considering the demographics of Nunavut, with one third of the population under 15 and a median age of 24.8 years<sup>1</sup>, much more emphasis should be placed on youth centres, youth programming, and youth support mechanisms.

Some communities are at different stages of identifying and preparing new youth centres. It is recommended that appropriate priority be placed in making these centres a reality.

This information allows for greater awareness of healthy activities available to youth as well as a greater understanding of what is needed for youth in Nunavut communities.

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<sup>1</sup> "Canada's Population Estimates: Age and Sex," The Daily, July 1, 2011 (Statistics Canada), accessed July 30, 2012, <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/110928/dq110928a-eng.htm>.