



The Iilitaqsiniq Early Years program launched in Arviat and Rankin Inlet, Nunavut in April 2022. The program benefits young children and its impact extends to households throughout the communities. Due to its popularity, the program is quickly approaching participant capacity.

APR 2022-JUL 2022
Iilitaqsiniq

THE EARLY YEARS

Participant and Community Engagement

One third of participants are first time parents

323 visits

713 connections with families in between visits

14 women employed by the program



Healthy Pregnancies and Maternal Well-Being

“Things are a lot easier these days after having a newborn. There’s more support. Early Years staff even come visit our homes, so we don’t feel so alone.”

25+ self-care packages for moms when traveling South to give birth



Play-Based Learning

2 safe play spaces created for children

“I like going to Early Years program place because my boys get to have fun and have snacks too.”

Pride in Identity and Culture

26 group gatherings

6 group gatherings with an Elder attending. Topics included dry meat making, slipper making and preparing for labour.



“Very thankful for this food that Early Years brought, my children are not hungry anymore. This program is very welcoming, friendly and I am not afraid to ask for support.”

Parenting Capacity and Family Well-Being

200 grocery and infant supply deliveries

10 support letters for Child First Initiative provided to families

1/2 of visits had another family member present in addition to the primary caregiver and baby.



Language Development and School Readiness

300 children’s books distributed to families

“I already can’t wait for my next visit. My brand new one was all smiles and really trying to talk around. Very friendly staff, I suggest first time moms/moms to be to apply!”

