



Project foundations:

**Years of privilege
listening to the women**





Irnisuksiiniq – Inuit Midwifery Network Project

Contributing to the long-term goal of:

Inuit providing maternity care services to their communities with Inuit maternity care workers and Inuit midwives who combine cultural (traditional) knowledge and practices with effective, contemporary maternity care models.



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Goal of this project:

Increase support for and assist in the expansion of the practice of Inuit midwives and maternity care workers through information sharing mechanisms.



The Network provides several services:

1. Information E-mails to the Network:
inuitmidwifery@naho.ca
2. Web site: www.inuitmidwifery.ca -or-
www.naho.ca/inuit/midwifery
3. Information is also faxed upon request.

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Resources

The Ajunnginiq Centre believes the Irisuksiniq - Inuit Midwifery Network is an ideal way to provide midwives and maternity care workers in Inuit communities with up-to-date, relevant information on their fields.

Reports, articles, papers, videos, presentations, and websites will be posted here for use as resources in their daily work.

A more extensive list of resources is listed in the [Inuit Midwifery Bibliography](#). You can also search for materials there.

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Project activities:

- Document research
- Responding to requests (i.e. review of draft Nunavut legislation)
- Development of products to promote the profession of midwifery to Inuit
- Traditional and cultural knowledge sharing

Innisuksiiniq - Inuit Midwifery Network

Learn about midwifery at:
www.inuitmidwifery.ca

Grow up to become a midwife

Innisuksiiniq-Inuit

Midwifery Network

1-877-602-4445 ext. 252



An elder's knowledge - excerpt

In the DVD, Martha Greig relates an experience with her grandfather who practiced midwifery:

“About my grandfather: Many people that came to Kuujjuaq used to go see him. When someone went to see him, he would come and get me and teach me. He taught me about the position of the baby: if they were lying too horizontally, or if their feet would be coming out first, if it looked backwards. He used his hands, because he was blind; he used his hands as his eyes. He rubbed the belly carefully. He would turn the baby around. He positioned the head where it belongs.”



Next steps include:

- **developing ideas for this year's funding request.**
- **building the collection and providing translations are on-going.**



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