

News Release

Government of Nunavut launches Employee Wellness Program

IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 29, 2000) – Human Resources Minister Kelvin Ng is pleased to announce the official launch of the Employee Wellness Program. This pilot project is designed to assist Government of Nunavut employees in maintaining and improving their overall well being.

"As a government we are committed to healthy communities in Nunavut and to *Inuuqatigiittiarniq*, the healthy inter-connection of mind, body, spirit and environment," Minister Ng said. "As an employer, this program will help promote these holistic principles of wellness within the public service."

Central to the program is a toll free number, 1-866-229-2204, that will provide access to confidential, personal counselling for a wide range of issues. Effective immediately, all indeterminate and term government employees, as well as their dependants, may call this number 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The service includes the use of an interpreter for Inuktitut and Innuinagtun speakers.

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