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Minister Recognizes Community Efforts during National Addictions Awareness Week

IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 23, 2007) – National Addictions Awareness Week gives us an opportunity to recognize community efforts to provide Nunavummiut with the tools they need to make healthy lifestyle choices, says Minister of Health and Social Services Leona Aglukkaq

“Our government is committed to building healthy communities but we cannot do this alone,” said Aglukkaq. “Partnerships at the community level help us give individuals, families and communities a strong voice as we work together to develop health and wellness programs that meet the needs of Nunavummiut.”

Schools, health centres, and wellness groups along with community wellness workers, alcohol and drug workers and community health representatives deliver programs and services on an on-going basis that support health and wellness.

National Addictions Awareness Week gives community groups and organizations an additional opportunity to focus on healthy living through presentations on the risks of addictions, sober dances, walks to promote an addiction-free lifestyle and poster contests.

“I would like to thank all those individuals who continue to work hard in their communities to provide the programs and services Nunavummiut need to make healthy lifestyle choices,” said Aglukkuq.

National Addictions Awareness Week takes place annually in November.

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