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Change of administration for Inuaggualuit Language Nest

Effective immediately, the Nunatsiavut Department of Language, Culture and Tourism has assumed the responsibility of the Inuaggualuit Language Nest, previously run by the Department of Health and Social Development.

The Language Nest program is currently offered in Nain and Hopedale to children two years of age and under, with the intent to expand it to Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet.

"We will be working hard on this Inuttitut immersion program so that children, families and staff are getting the support they need to be successful in maintaining and promoting Inuttitut," says Language, Culture and Tourism Minister Roxanne Barbour. "Parents and guardians must be willingly and actively involved in the program to ensure the children are supported at home as well. The purpose of Inuaggualuit is for children and their families to be immersed in Inuttitut with hopes that families continue to use Inuttitut at home throughout their child's life, creating and encouraging Inuttitut speaking and learning at home."

The position of Language Nest Manager is currently being advertised, and new resources will be created to support families in promoting and using Inuttitut.

To view the job ad, visit: <u>Language Nest Manager Nain or Hopedale - Nunatsiavut Government</u>

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