



Access to Justice Family Violence Prevention

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Public Awareness Campaign Launch in Iqaluit

As the Minister for the Department of Family Services, I am honored and excited to express my support for the launch of the Access to Justice for Family Violence in Nunavut - Awareness Campaign.

I would like to congratulate the Law Society of Nunavut, Pauktuutit, GN Departments, community organizations and partners on this achievement

This campaign is significant event that marks the critical milestone toward understanding family violence and abuse in Nunavut. Investments such as this campaign, the development of public information, and distribution of critical resources are required to support Nunavummiut in their personal recovery from violence, raise awareness of violence prevention, promote ongoing health and wellness, and create social change to eliminate violence in the home.

Providing ready access to culturally appropriate and community-based resources that are responsive to the needs of survivors, service providers, and community members reflects commitment to support the well-being of Nunavummiut and create a future free from violence.

We recognize and support the voice of the Law Society of Nunavut and Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada and their ongoing commitment to creating awareness, developing resources, and taking critical actions to create social change in Nunavut.

The launch of this campaign, today on March 8th - International Women's Day highlights the need for concrete action to create positive change for women, at

multiple levels, and to identify factors that impact the social, economic, cultural, and political status of women in Nunavut.

Today also highlights the exhibit of Qullit Nunavut Status of Women's International Women's Day Photo Competition. The Theme for March 2021 International Women's Day – "Home is Family", in recognition of the importance of family.

Thank you for creating this opportunity to launch this wonderful exhibit highlighting the commitment of Nunavummiut to pijitsirniq. As Nunavummiut we have a shared responsibility to take care of our collective health and wellness, all year long.

Today, on this official launch of the Access to Justice for Family Violence Public Awareness Campaign, I stand with Nunavummiut in unity, solidarity, and advocacy, "to stand together to break the silence on family violence and abuse in Nunavut."