

**Peter Lucassie Jr.**

Peter Lucassie Jr. is a young adult Inuk who is fiercely proud of his Inuit cultural identity, and works daily to use his Inuktitut language, practice traditional activities, while building his skills and knowledge in his career of Inuit Community Support Worker with ilinniapaa Skills Development Centre and Odawa Reaching Home program. Peter was born and raised in Iqaluit and adopted by his parents. He was raised with strong Inuit traditional skills by his father and grandparents, but has a strong bond with his mother and siblings. He is a hunter; loves to harvest country food to share with his family and friends, and passing on the traditions to his daughter, with another on the way. Peter has brought his Grade 12 education into continuous skills development programs from Skills Link to the Baffin Fisheries Coalition program, balancing wage economy employment and traditional practices. Peter tries to learn at least one thing per day to better himself, and is currently passionate about helping Inuit struggling with homelessness, addictions and mental health in culturally-safe and trauma-informed services and support.