



## Why should I participate? What makes this survey unique?

First of all it's not a survey at all – it's a process of detailed interviews that allow us to develop an understanding of someone's entire life story. For this reason we may need to interview some participants more than once.

This study is unique in that it will give us a much better understanding of the factors contributing to one of Nunavut's most urgent social problems – our high suicide rate. The only way we can learn more is if many Nunavummiut agree to participate.

## Will the interviews be confidential?

Yes. The interviews will only be reviewed by the study team, and will not be shared with any other person or organization under any circumstances. They cannot be obtained by requests made under 'Access to Information' legislation.

A letter of consent signed by both the interviewer and each individual participant will confirm the participant's informed consent to be interviewed and provide a written guarantee of the confidentiality of the interview results.

## Who is conducting this study?

The study is being conducted by researchers from Nunavut working with the McGill Group for Suicide Studies, one of Canada's leading suicide research bodies.

## Does the study have support from Nunavut organizations?

Yes. The *Isaksimagit Inuusirmi Katujjiqatigiit* ('Embrace Life Council'), the Government of Nunavut, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the Chief Coroner of Nunavut all strongly support this study.

## Who is paying for the study?

Funding for this study has been provided by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, an arms-length granting agency of the Government of Canada.

## When will the study be complete?

The study began in 2005, and is expected to take four to five years to complete. Some preliminary results will be available before then.

## Will the results of the study be communicated to Nunavummiut?

Yes. The progress of the study will be reviewed in a quarterly newsletter. The conclusions of the study will be distributed widely throughout Nunavut, in particular to our partner organizations and to the Nunavummiut who agreed to be interviewed.

## I have some other questions. How can I learn more about the study?

Leave a message in Inuktitut or English at 979-0222 in Iqaluit or at 1-866-247-0822 toll-free from anywhere in Nunavut, and we'll call you back.