

understanding of Inuit societal values, of customs, and of kinships that relate to the work and the families that we address.

The lack in that key area, I think, would be understanding the legislation that we operate under, the Nunavut *Child and Family Services Act*, and especially the most recent amendments that moved that legislation along in a more positive path and focused very strongly on the rights of parents.

We have, certainly in the past, been seen as, perhaps, being very arbitrary in the work we do, but the legislative and the court work that we do is the foundation critical to the services that we offer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you very much for that response, Mr. Ojah. My final question on this topic is: have some of those challenges or the capacities that are lacking been communicated with Nunavut Arctic College to help them develop curriculum to achieve higher levels of success for the graduates into stepping into the workplace under the full capacity? Mr. MacDonald, if you could answer that one.

Mr. MacDonald: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To answer the question, yes, there have been discussions, as I had mentioned previously, between our department and particularly child and family services officials with officials from Nunavut Arctic College on the redesign of that program.

Nunavut Arctic College is embarking on a process of ensuring that the programs are outcomes-based so that the outcomes from a course or from the entire program as a whole align with what employers, in

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periodically short of appropriate spaces and this quite often is based on the fact that we do look at the best match in placement of children based on their needs and based on their situations.

Mr. Chairman, as you probably know, when we place children in care in Iqaluit and throughout the territory our first preference is looking at kinship, at extended family placements to ensure that children are safe and well cared for.

We will certainly upon the recommendation of the Auditor General, we will need to revisit and reinitiate some very stringent approaches to recruitment, not only in Iqaluit, but in the other communities throughout Nunavut. Certainly developing new and perhaps reinvigorated strategies that may encourage community responsibility in assisting us in this endeavour. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Ojah. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to, you know, talking about the recruitment of potential foster families, when reading the report I noted in here it talks about criminal record checks and maybe that they're not always being done. I find that quite alarming that criminal record checks weren't always done on a regular basis. I'm hoping that you can inform us today that this has indeed changed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: I thank the Member for that question. Mr. MacDonald.

Mr. MacDonald: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm happy to report that that is

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I am aware of these requirements, but what I want to ask here relates to a foster child once they have been sent to foster parents or in this case, to (interpretation ends) a family. (interpretation) What is the usual length of time where a foster child is under the care of the family or is too varied to try to come up with an average length of time to try to answer my question?

When a child is placed in a foster home, are some of them fostered until they become adults or are there certain criteria that need to be met before a foster child can be returned or is the return of the foster child to their relatives your underlying principle in these cases? Hopefully I came across clearly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Mr. MacDonald.

Mr. MacDonald: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the good question. I think I'll ask Mr. Arnold to respond to this so he could talk about particulars of the duration of time of foster care and some of the issues around that sort of revolving door that you mentioned. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Arnold.

Mr. Arnold: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. You're right, it does vary. It can vary from a night or two of respite, because there may be a crisis. This is an ideal way to help the family with a crisis.

To something much more long term that oftentimes seems permanent, particularly when many of our foster homes, really they're extended family foster homes. So,

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we’re providing support but at the same time they’re part of that family and so there are many situations where the parents and the foster parents, who are also family members...

I think it becomes a longer term plan to ensure that children remain in their community, remain close to family, remain close to friends and their roots. Again, it does vary from something very quick, and emergency-based where they return to their parents, to something that may be something a lot more long-term. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: I appreciate that Mr. Enook. Just recognizing the clock, it is a little bit after 12. We will continue with Mr. Enook’s line of questioning when we return at 1:30. We will adjourn until then. Thank you.

>>*Committee recessed at 11:53 and resumed at 13:21*

Chairman: Welcome back everyone. We’re just going to go straight at it. We’re going to get this department completed today. I’m looking at the agenda and I think things are going along quite smoothly. I’d like to take the time to thank the witnesses for their candor and the honesty that the responses are coming. I would like to thank the Office of the Auditor General for highlighting some of the topics that we’ve been covering.

To keep Mr. Enook’s train of thought going. We will continue on with Compliance and Key Standards, paragraphs 39 through 50. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon.

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the staff meetings that Mr. Arnold mentioned previously are being given direction to conduct random and regular audits of files to make sure that the case standards are being met and to reinforce with their employees the contents of the file so that that doesn't continue as it had in the past. I think that is the main piece of that. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. MacDonald. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Follow up to that, my question would be here and then is with the corrective actions to address the non-compliance with standards at the headquarters and regional levels and the audit that has been completed for three communities. When we look at Nunavut as a whole, we have 25 communities. When you have started corrective action to address the non-compliance with standards do you have plans to actually visit the other 22 communities considering that they all may be following the non-compliance standards that are presently surfacing from headquarters and regional levels to ensure that the non-compliance is addressed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Mr. MacDonald.

Mr. MacDonald: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At present, we are continuing to expand, audit and file reviews and roll out this process. I can report that all of the Baffin has undergone, every community in the Baffin region for example, has undergone a complete file review. This is being continued to be carried out in other communities across the territory. We want to make sure that

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l b c m c (j h y a b d c): y d y o m f b Δ b y e d c f b. l o m, Δ, c a d l o m d a c d y b y o m y r c. d l o m y b d y y f b y o m y r c d y b p o m o m y y y l y j y p p o m c j y f d c c a d l o m m o c c l c y p f y p y b d y l y l c j o m d f b c d y l y l c n n o m b y d n r y b d y c. c a d l y b d y y f b c d y b c c y d c j r c a y d l c n j c c l y f b.

