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# THE SOCIAL AND HOUSING EDUCATION PROGRAM

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## THE HOUSING EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Eskimo Rental Housing Scheme, initiated in 1966 in the Eastern Arctic, was extended in 1968 to the Eskimo and Indian settlements of the Mackenzie District. The Social and Housing Education Program is being conducted to help the Eskimos and Indians settle in the new houses and to administer their affairs related to this process. It is now known as the Northern Rental Program.

The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is engaged in performing this task as part of the broader concept of the development of the Eskimos and Indians to be responsible citizens in a modern society where each individual can administer his own affairs. A basic adult education and community development principle that the people be actively engaged in making the decisions about those endeavours and affairs which affect them is the basis of operation for this program.

The organizational structure devised to implement this program divided the area "North of 60" into districts and regions. In the Mackenzie District, three regions have been established.

1. Fort Smith Region (A) (Indian Settlements)
2. Fort Smith Region (B) (Former Yellowknife region - includes Central Arctic Settlements and Indian settlements around Great Slave Lake)
3. Inuvik Region (Indian and Eskimo settlements)

The personnel assigned to these districts and regions worked together to implement the various phases of the program. The Government of the Northwest Territories will take over the financing of this program in April, 1970. The Eastern Arctic Social and Housing Program will also be directed out of Yellowknife after that date.

### THE FOUR PHASES OF THE PROGRAM

The Housing Education Program has been divided into four phases:

PHASE I - Explanation of the Northern Rental Housing Program

PHASE II - Homemaking Aspect under Southern Educators

PHASE III - The Development of Locally-Elected Housing Association Councils

PHASE IV - Homemaking Aspect under Local Leaders

PHASE I

The purpose of Phase I was to explain all aspects of the Northern Rental Housing Program so that the people would understand the advantages of renting a house from the Government.

PHASE II

This phase consisted of involving the Eskimo people in all aspects of homemaking in order to promote better nutrition, cleanliness and sanitation standards. This phase was under the leadership of southern educators and was used only in Eskimo communities in the Eastern Arctic, Pelly Bay and in the Mackenzie District in 1967 - 68.

PHASE III

The purpose of Phase III was to develop the Housing Association and the Housing Association Council. The Housing Association Council was responsible for collecting rent and keeping accounts. They also had to learn how to conduct a business meeting and maintain adequate minutes.

PHASE IV

The purpose of Phase IV, currently under way, is to select local leaders among Northern people and to provide them with some training in home management. They, in turn, are responsible for sharing with the people the skills necessary to make the best use of the new houses. It was decided to ask communities to select local leaders among the Indian and Eskimo residents to work with prospective tenants in each community. The type of person selected is vitally important to the program. Even with the best possible choice this new role was often a difficult one to carry out. Communication was uncertain because of the ladies lack of training in the English language and because their culture does not expect anyone to be giving advice to another person on a subject as personal as housekeeping.

## SUPERVISOR OF SOCIAL AND HOUSING EDUCATION

### (JOB DESCRIPTION)

1. General Administration Correspondence - Reports - Writing up projects.
2. To become familiar with the various facets of the Northern Rental and low cost housing program and the Federal Indian Act and Indian Treaties 8 and 11.
3. (a) To plan and prepare a program in Home Economics and Social Education as part of a total program of Adult Education with full recognition of the low incomes of many of the residents in the Northwest Territories and their differing cultural patterns.  
  
(b) To prepare estimates and administer budgets relative to these programs.
4. To work with settlement co-ordinators, housing associations and other community groups and local leaders in social and housing education to meet these needs.
5. To supervise regional home economists as staff develops to include these home management specialists.
6. Conduct meetings, demonstrations and workshops dealing with knowledge, skills and attitudes within the field of continuing and special education.
7. To aid and encourage development of leadership skills and to organize, guide, advise and supervise programs providing this training at local and regional levels.
8. To develop good public relations through office contracts, consultations, home visits, communication media and genuine involvement of all Northern people in recognizing and coping with Social and Community and personal problems.
9. Professional improvement courses and individual study to maintain and broaden knowledge of Home Economics Technology. Adult Education and community development methods to meet the special requirements of this position.
10. To travel frequently throughout the Mackenzie District.

TERRANCE BERSCHIED: PELLY BAY - SPENCE BAY - GJOA HAVEN

EDUCATION: University Degree

EXPERIENCE: Terrance was hired in September, 1968, by the Education Department.

He received one week's training in Yellowknife for the Social and Housing Education Program.

He visited different northern settlements, getting experience and information regarding the Housing Associations and the various phases of the Program.

He is co-ordinator for the Central Arctic settlements since October.

EARL DEAN: Hay River

EDUCATION: 2nd year in Education  
University of Alberta

EXPERIENCE: Worked in various settlements with his father  
as a "construction worker".

Earl was brought up in Hay River and knows the  
people quite well.

He participated at both workshops held in Fort  
Smith, May 20 - 23, and in Yellowknife, June 9 - 12.

During the summer, 1969, he lived with his wife  
and children at the old Anglican Church in the Old Village  
in Hay River. He realized that it was much easier to work  
with Indians if he lived among them.

A workshop for all the Housing Associations was  
held in the Old Village in July and Earl organized the program,  
the billiting and feeding of thirty participants drawn from  
the Indian settlements around Great Slave Lake with the  
exception of Snowdrift and Simpson.



LENA PEDERSEN: COPPERMINE

EDUCATION: High School in Greenland

EXPERIENCE: Lena started the Housing Program in the Eastern Arctic in 1967.

She is an Eskimo who speaks English fluently.

Lena took part in most of the workshops that were held in the Mackenzie District and she knows the Program quite well.

Actually she is in charge of Coppermine and Holman Island. Her knowledge of the Eskimo language is a great advantage and most of the Housing Education material could easily be translated into syllabics by her.

ELIZABETH PETROVITCH: YELLOWKNIFE

**EDUCATION:** Ontario High School

**EXPERIENCE:** Elizabeth worked in Pond Inlet, Baffin Island in 1967 as a Housing Educator.

She took part in a full month training course held in Ottawa for all the Housing Educators (8)

She worked in Yellowknife in 1968 as a volunteer C.Y.C. worker and knew the Indian people quite well.

She accepted the position of Social and Housing Co-ordinator for Yellowknife in October, 1969.

ROSE MARY THRASHER: CAMBRIDGE BAY

EDUCATION: Grade XI - XII in Yellowknife

EXPERIENCE: Rose Mary is an Eskimo who was hired in June, 1969, as a Housing Co-ordinator for Yellowknife.

She took part in two workshops held in Yellowknife for all the co-ordinators.

After three months in Yellowknife she asked to work with the Eskimo people. She worked a few weeks in Gjoa Haven but due to a lack of accommodation she was transferred to Cambridge Bay.

Since November she is working with three local leaders and the program is "on the go!!"

CAROLINE WASHIE: Rae

EDUCATION: Grade 13 Ontario

EXPERIENCE: Four years in Indian settlement as a C.Y.C. worker, Supervisor at Drumheller of the Indian Hostel, Gleichen, Alberta - helped conduct a leadership workshop.

Had applied for such a job in March, 1969, had four years experience in Indian settlements as C.Y.C., and a year as Indian Hostel Supervisor at Drumheller, was recommended by Father Maurice Goutier, O.M.I., Gleichen, Alberta, who helped conduct leadership workshops with George Manuel, C.D.O., Duncan, B. C. January - February, 1969, Great Slave Lake settlements. References were also checked with Mr. Weaselchild of Gleichen, Alberta, and Mr. James Whitford, Community Development Officer, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Edmonton.

Mrs. Washie took up her duties in Rae the weekend of May 24th, 1969. The fact that she has inherited a shambles in the housing program in Rae, and in the three months of June, July and August been able to develop community relationships, learn about the housing program, find and work with six women leaders, get herself married to James Washie, a former Chieftones bandsman, and at present a C.Y.C. worker, amid all the brou-ha-ha that accompanied her work in Rae this summer, says a great deal for her methods and her resiliency, her purposeful action in Rae. This situation was further complicated by the confusion as to whether the Development Officer who was in the settlement as the Area Administrator, and who was on holidays most of this time, should be Chairman of the Housing Association.

Mrs. Washie was accepted again on contract October 15th, 1969, and since that time has been working closely with the Area Administrator, Murray Petrie, and four local leaders. Their joint efforts have resulted in the formation of an apparently viable Housing Association, and rents are beginning to be paid. Mr. and Mrs. Washie are living in the only tar paper shack in Rae. Mrs. Washie is being encouraged by the Supervisor of Adult Programs and the Supervisor of Social and Housing Education - Miss Saint-Laurent.

## LOCAL LEADERS

### JOB DESCRIPTION

The training of the local leaders must be viewed in the context of their responsibilities and the duties they have to perform.

1. They must be knowledgeable about the program, its objectives and about the supporting materials.
2. They have to visit the families who will be going into the new houses and discuss the program with them.
3. They will hold meetings with groups of ladies using the program materials.
4. They will keep a record of their activities.
5. They will work closely with the Area Administrator and the Housing Association Councils.
6. They will prepare weekly reports including:
  - (a) the name of the local leaders
  - (b) the activities of the past week
    - i) portion of the program covered
    - ii) names of the families visited
    - iii) problems encountered
    - iv) feelings of population toward the program
  - (c) a plan for the coming week.
7. The unskilled local leaders must be provided with intensive initial training on:
  - (a) the program itself
  - (b) the materials provided
  - (c) their role as local leaders
  - (d) the respective roles of other Government representatives such as the Area Administrator, the Regional Housing Officer
  - (e) their responsibility vis-a-vis their supervisor and co-ordinator
  - (f) the rudiments of record management
  - (g) the reporting procedures.

This initial training is essential to provide a framework for the activities of the local leaders. As this is their first contact with such training, it is important to assess their understanding of it through workshop sessions. These have proved invaluable in clarifying many issues and providing guidelines to the local leaders.

LOCAL LEADERS

Hay River

Raymond Villebrun  
Nora Villebrun  
Frank Norn  
Albert Norn  
Joe McKay

Fort Providence

Adeline Landry  
Margaret Ellize

Fort Rae

Celine Wanazah  
Marie A. Black  
Margaret Dryneck  
Margaret Soldat

Yellowknife

Cindy Erasmus (Cynthia)-

Coppermine

Effie Manegaktiak  
Joanne Komiak  
Alice Omaklok  
Naomi Atatahak

Holman Island

Lena Elgayak

Cambridge Bay

Helen Maksagak  
Ann Wingnek  
Ann Palvialuk

Pelly Bay

Celine Ningark  
Sidonie  
Victorine Seruant  
Victorine Bielka

Spence Bay

Betty Lyall  
Donna Matheson

Gjoa Haven

Rebecca Kitsualik

HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

in the

MACKENZIE DISTRICT

(1968 - 1969)

FORT SMITH REGION:

Fort Providence		25 March, 1969
Fort Simpson	"Lamac"	19 March, 1969
Fort Smith	"Wood Buffalo"	9 December, 1969
Yellowknife	"Kalami"	23 June, 1969

CENTRAL ARCTIC:

Cambridge Bay		9 August, 1968
Coppermine		5 July, 1968
Gjoa Haven	"Kikitak"	31 March, 1969
Holman Island		28 August, 1968
Pelly Bay		3 September, 1968
Resolute Bay		9 August, 1968
Snence Bay		28 August, 1968

INUVIK REGION:

Aklavik		8 August, 1969
Inuvik		28 August, 1969
Tuktoyaktuk		11 December, 1969

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## SOCIAL AND HOUSING EDUCATION PROGRAM

### Purpose of Workshops:

The purpose of the workshops is twofold:

1. To provide an opportunity for the adult education field staff to meet with the regional and area or acting area administrators and local leaders (housing educators) to discuss and clarify issues such as:
  - (a) the purpose of the housing education program in Northern Rental Housing;
  - (b) the respective roles of:
    - (i) the Regional and Area or Acting Area Administrators,
    - (ii) the District and Regional Superintendents of Education,
    - (iii) the Adult Education field staff (permanent and contract),
    - (iv) the Education Branch at Ottawa,
    - (v) the local leaders (housing educators) at the settlement level.
2. To provide a training session on the Home Management aspect of the housing education program of Northern Rental Housing for the forty native local leaders (housing educators) from the settlements of the three Regions: (Fort Smith, Yellowknife, and Inuvik.)

### WORKSHOPS (1968-69)

#### Fort Smith Region:

Fort Smith	May 19-23, 1969	Co-ordinators	7
Hay River	July 22-26, 1968	Local Leaders	8
Hay River	July 12-13, 1969	(Housing Assoc. (Co-ordinators)	30 7

#### Yellowknife Region:

Yellowknife	Nov. 21-28, 1968	(Co-ordinators (Local Leaders)	4 16
Yellowknife Coppermine	Aug. 28-29, 1969 March - , 1968	(Co-ordinators (Local Leaders)	6 20

#### Inuvik Region:

Inuvik	Feb. 19-20, 1969	(Co-ordinators (Local Leaders)	2 8
Inuvik	April 28 - ) May 1 ) 1969	Co-ordinators) Local Leaders)	2 14



COST OF HOUSING EDUCATION  
MACKENZIE DISTRICT  
OCTOBER 1, 1969 - MARCH 31, 1970

1) FORT SMITH REGION (Great Slave Lake Area)

Settlement	Housing Educators	No. of Months	Dates	Contract Costs	Travel and Accommodation, etc.	Total Cost Per Settlement <i>\$./line</i>
Hay River	<u>Co-ordinator:</u>					
	Earl Dean	6 Months	Oct. 1 - March 31/70	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
	<u>Local Leaders:</u>					
	Raymond Villebrun	5 Months	Nov. 1 - March 31/70	\$ 808.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 908.00
	Nora Villebrun	5 Months	Nov. 1 - March 31/70	\$ 808.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 908.00
Frank Norn	7 Months	Sept. 15 - Mar.31/70	\$1,131.20		\$1,131.20	
Albert Norn	7 Months	Nov. 1 - 15, 1969	\$ 80.80		\$ 80.80	
						<u>\$7,028.00</u>
Fort Providence	<u>Local Leaders:</u> Adeline Landry Ellize	4 Months	Dec. 1/69 - Mar.31/70	\$ 646.40 \$ 565.60	\$ 100.00	\$ 746.40 <u>\$ 565.60</u> \$1,312.00

Settlement	Housing Educators	No. of Months	Dates	Casual or Contract	Travel and Accommodation etc.	Total Cost per Settlement
Rae	<u>Co-ordinator:</u>					
	Caroline Washie	5½ Months	Oct. 15 - March 31	\$2,530.00	\$ 70.00 \$ 100.00	\$2,600.00 \$ 100.00
	<u>Local Leaders:</u>					
	Celine Wanazah	4½ Months	Oct. 15 - March 15	\$ 727.20		
	Marie A. Black	4½ Months	Oct. 15 - March 15	\$ 727.20		
Margaret Dryneck	4½ Months	Oct. 15 - March 15	\$ 727.20			
Margaret Soldat	4½ Months	Oct. 15 - March 15	\$ 727.20			
				<u>\$2,908.80</u>		<u>\$2,908.80</u>
Yellowknife	<u>Co-ordinator:</u>					
	Elizabeth Petrovitch	6 Months	Oct. 6 - March 31	\$2,597.00	\$ 350.00 \$ 200.00	\$2,947.00 \$ 200.00
	<u>Local Leader:</u>					
Cynthia Erasmus	4 Months	November - March	\$ 646.40		\$ 646.40	
						<u>\$3,793.40</u>

Settlement	Housing Educators	No. of Months	Dates	Casual or Contract	Travel and Accommodation etc.	Total Cost per Settlement
Coppermine	<u>Co-ordinator:</u> Lena Pedersen	6 Months	Oct. 1 - March 31	\$2,760.00	\$ 450.00 \$ 150.00	\$3,210.00 \$ 150.00
	<u>Local Leaders:</u> Effie Manegartiak	5 Months	Oct. 1 - March 31	\$ 808.00		
	Joanne Komiak	5 Months	Oct. 1 - March 31	\$ 808.00		
	Alice Omaklok	5 Months	Oct. 1 - March 31	\$ 808.00		
	Naomi Atatahak	5 Months	Oct. 1 - March 31	\$ 808.00		
				<u>\$3,332.00</u>		<u>\$3,332.00</u> <u>\$6,692.00</u>
Holman Island	<u>Local Leader:</u> Lena Elgayak	4 Months	November - March	\$ 646.40	\$100.00	\$ 646.40 \$ 100.00 \$ 746.40

Settlement	Housing Educators	No. of Months	Dates	Casual or Contract	Travel and Accommodation, etc.	Total Cost per Settlement
Cambridge Bay	<u>Co-ordinator:</u> Rose Mary Thrasher  <u>Local Leaders:</u> Helen Maksagak Ann Wingnek Ann Palvialuk	5½ Months  3 Months 3 Months 3 Months	Oct. 15 - March  Dec./69 - March/70 Dec./69 - March/70 Dec./69 - March/70	\$2,530.00  \$ 484.80 \$ 484.80 \$ 484.80 \$1,454.40	\$ 900.00	\$3,430.00  \$1,454.40 \$4,884.40
Wally Bay	<u>Co-ordinator:</u> Terrance Berscheid  <u>Local Leaders:</u> Celine Ningark Sidonie Kringartok Victorine Servant Victorine Bielka	6 Months  4 Months 4 Months 4 Months 4 Months	Oct. 1 - March 31	\$3,300.00  \$ 646.40 \$ 646.40 \$ 646.40 \$ 646.40 \$2,585.60	\$2,000.00	\$5,300.00  \$2,585.60 \$7,885.60
Spence Bay	<u>Local Leader:</u> Betty Lyall Donna Matheson	3 Months 3 Months	December - March December - March	\$ 484.80 \$ 484.80 \$ 969.60		\$ 969.60
Ujoa Haven	<u>Local Leader:</u> Rebecca Kitsualik	4 Months	November - March	\$ 646.40		\$ 646.40

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*Salaries of Settlements - Co-ordinators and Local Leaders*

Hay River	\$ 7,028.00
Fort Providence	1,312.00
Rae	5,608.80
Yellowknife	3,793.40
Coppermine	6,692.00
Holman	746.40
Cambridge	4,884.40
Pelly Bay	7,885.60
Spence Bay	969.60
Gjoa Haven	<u>646.40</u>
Fort Smith Region	<u>39,166.60</u>
Inuvik	14,188.00
Workshops	<u>6,645.40</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>

Co-ordinators 6

Local Leaders 36