

**JOB TALK by
SARAH FRASER, PhD, O.P.Q****Inside-out: Exploring the Dynamics in Health and Social Services and Community Needs in Nunavik, Quebec**

Dr. Sarah Fraser is a clinical psychologist and professor at the department of Psychoeducation at Montreal University. She has specialized in the field of Aboriginal health, youth protection services and community wellbeing. Over the past years she has been working with an Inuit community in an action-research project around community mobilization for family wellbeing and prevention. Inspired by systemic thinking, Dr. Fraser has explored a variety of themes including micro-interactions within youth protection services, associations between family cohesion and community wellbeing as well as system dynamics in family and community change. She has also worked with various researchers in the field of transcultural psychiatry, exploring cultural adaptation of services for immigrants and refugees.

A report from the rights of the child highlights the lack of mental health services for Inuit children and youth, the lack of community-based care and the soaring rates of signalements and placement in Nunavik. Dr. Fraser has recently received funding from the Sick Kids Foundation/CIHR initiative for the development of a multisystemic, collaborative care framework for child and family services in Nunavik in order to explore the resources and obstacles to efficient and culturally competent care for Inuit families. In her presentation, she will discuss the structure of this action research, the role of research in community action, as well as preliminary findings related to 1) use and experience with services among Inuit families, 2) structure of services, and 3) links to be made between research and practice as related to health and wellbeing services for Inuit youth and families. This systemic overview of health and social services aims to better understand the "ghosts in the machine" that may influence adequacy and cultural competence of services for Inuit families.

Date:Monday, Mar 23rd**Time:**

10:30 - 11:30 am

Location:School of Social Work
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