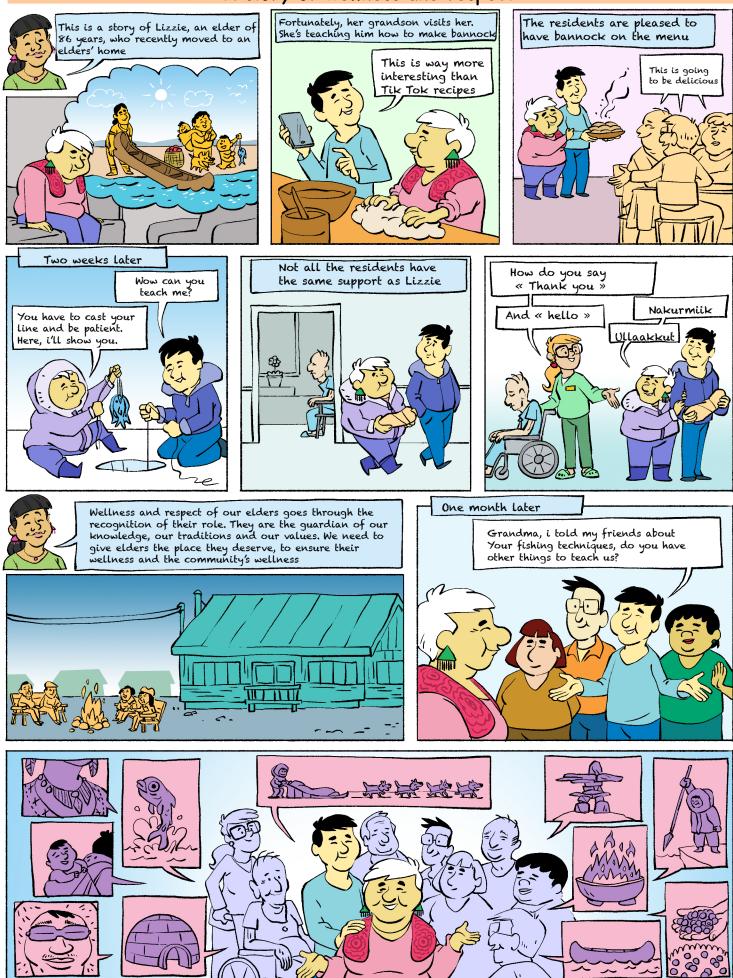
A story of wellness and respect





Elder wellness care is a way of being and acting that emphasizes the wellness of elders, respects their needs, and honors their wishes and choices, including when they choose to decline assistance.

It is expressed through attentions and attitudes respectful of the person's values, culture and beliefs.

How can I ensure the wellness and respect of our elders?

It is important to recognize and acknowledge our elders.

- 1. Bring them country/traditional food, especially when they cannot go hunting or fishing as often as they used to. Elders also enjoy being visited, as sometimes, they cannot go out as much as before.
- 2. Encourage elders to participate in planning and preparing all community activities so as to break their isolation.
- 3. Ensure they can play their leadership role, and that we can give them the space and opportunities to let them achieve what they want for the community.
- 4. Give them the space and opportunities to make their own decisions.
- 5. Never assume that you know what elders want; take the time to speak with them to get to know them better and learn about their life.
- 6. Offer appropriate support in the different areas of elders' lives; supporting them does not necessarily mean doing everything for them.
- 7. Include elders in cultural revitalization, prevention programs, and especially healing programs.



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