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## Electronic Media Transcripts

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Client: Government of Nfld and Labrador  
 Source: CBC Radio National News 6:30 A.M. 1116-630  
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 Ann: Judy Mandarin

**Announcer:** Innu leaders in Sheshatshui, Labrador are asking Social Services to take away many of their children and give them treatment for solvent abuse. The community has had serious problems with gas sniffing among young people. The President of the Innu Nation, Peter Penashue says the community can no longer tolerate the neglect the children suffer at the hands of their caregivers.

**Peter Penashue:** It's come to a point now where there's a substantial amount of young people as young as you know seven years old sniffing gas so we've made a recommendation to the Chief in Council that all the children who are sniffing gas be put under the care of Social Services.

**Announcer:** The Band wants about 30 young people taken out of their homes. He says many of them already spend most of their time on the streets of the community and he says it's only a matter of time before some of them suffer severe brain damage.

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