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Government of Yukon continues its support of A Safe Place drop-in program

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is providing the Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre with \$84,000 to support A Safe Place, a year-round, after-hours program for women and children that provides access to peer and professional supports, referrals to other community services and access to basic amenities.

"We're pleased that A Safe Place will continue to have positive impacts on the lives of Yukon women and children," Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor said. "This funding will ensure that this vital program continues to meet the needs of vulnerable women in a safe and welcoming environment during hours when options are otherwise limited."

A Safe Place provides a supportive, low-barrier drop-in space for women and children on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. The program is overseen by trained facilitators. Clients are offered a place to relax, eat a nutritious meal, do laundry, use computers and telephones and access counselling and support services.

"We are proud to continue to support A Safe Place, an initiative that is enhancing the well-being and safety of women and their children," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said. "I'd like to acknowledge Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre's important work in our community and congratulate them on their 40th anniversary."

Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre program coordinator Hillary Aitken said: "A Safe Place is filling a gap in services for women in Whitehorse by providing a place to connect with resources on evenings and weekends when other service providers are closed. This funding helps us maintain a vital program for Yukon women and children and we are very pleased to receive this support."

A Safe Place has been operating since 2013 and is a joint project of the Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre and the Yukon Status of Women Council. Funding for A Safe Place in 2016/17 includes \$25,000 from the Prevention of Violence Against Aboriginal Women Fund.

Learn more: Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre.

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