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Community addictions program is now in place

WHITEHORSE—Alcohol and Drug Services' community addictions program is now in place in Yukon communities, Minister of Health and Social Services Mike Nixon announced today.

"We've been working on changing the way we approach services to the communities," Nixon said. "The community addictions program was developed to address gaps identified by First Nations and highlighted in the clinical services plan. I believe this approach will better serve the communities by providing a more diverse range of services."

Five community addictions workers now provide a continuum of services to all Yukon communities. Haines Junction, Watson Lake and Dawson City each have a community addictions worker, while two workers are based in Whitehorse and work with surrounding communities. The community addictions workers provide prevention activities, community-based support, referrals, counselling services, and aftercare for those who have completed an inpatient treatment program. They also provide training to service providers and the public on substance use, problematic use, and addictions.

The community addictions program will use a collaborative, community outreach model and work closely with existing services, including First Nations programs, local service providers, social workers, community health and mental health services.

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