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## **Government of Yukon opens new service centre dedicated to youth**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon today officially opened the Integrated Supports for Yukon Youth (ISYY) Centre in Whitehorse.

"We are rethinking how we deliver our health and social supports to youth and their families by offering an after-hours service which was developed with youth in mind," Minister of Health and Social Services Mike Nixon said. "ISYY is a holistic and individual-driven approach offering a wide-range of support services. This type of service will benefit youth going through life transitions who need help navigating Yukon government services."

This two-year pilot project is part of the Yukon Mental Wellness Strategy. The objective is to help identify an effective service delivery model that could be replicated in other parts of Yukon.

The ISYY centre is a collective space where government service providers will deliver programs and workshops as well as providing crisis interventions to individuals as required.

"Learning doesn't end at the conclusion of the school day or after graduation," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "The ISYY centre will provide youth with a place to go after school or work, where they can access resources, information, guidance and support."

The ISYY centre will serve youth ages 12 to 24. The centre will be open Tuesday to Saturday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. The new space is located at 2090-A Second Avenue.

"The new centre is an opportunity to further align Yukon's services with nationally established best practices for youth victims and their families," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said. "By developing a youth-friendly and youth-centred space, they and their families can attend one central space to receive the services they require."

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