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Kwanlin Dün First Nation healing program funded

WHITEHORSE – Health and Social Services Minister Glenn Hart today announced funding to support the Kwanlin Dün First Nation (KDFN) land-based healing program.

"We know that individuals addicted to alcohol and drugs need a variety of support programs when they make the decision to break free of their addiction. This new program, operated by the First Nation, will help people in our community," Hart said.

The land-based treatment camp will integrate traditional, as well as modern, healing techniques by reconnecting participants with the natural world. It will also be available to citizens throughout Yukon.

The Department of Health and Social Services will give KDFN \$110,300 toward the development and delivery of the holistic pilot program. This funding is in addition to the \$300,000 received through the Northern Strategy Trust Fund.

This KDFN land-based healing program builds on the Therapeutic Community Resource Feasibility Study that was conducted jointly by Kwanlin Dün and the Yukon government.

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