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Family reunification project launched

The Government of Yukon is introducing a new three-year pilot project to reunite families. The family reunification home project is an innovative foster placement model through which foster parents will work intensively with the parents of the children under their care within a single family home in Whitehorse. The program will allow children in care to be reunited with their families.

This pilot project responds to the need for more extended foster care services in Yukon. This model is an adaptation of an approach that has proven to be effective in other jurisdictions. It is a preventative intervention model that allows parents and children to remain together under supervision.

Family and Children's Services is undertaking the selection process, with the first family to be moved in no later than January 2018.

Quotes

"This is an example of how accessible, integrated programs and services tailored to client needs can contribute to healthy, productive, happy lives for Yukoners. This pilot project is a response to the emerging challenges facing our foster care system. We will evaluate this program after a three-year period, to help us determine whether to implement this model in other Yukon communities."

–Minister of Health and Social Services and Yukon Housing Corporation Pauline Frost

Quick facts

- This project is a partnership between Yukon Housing Corporation and Health and Social Services. Yukon Housing Corporation will provide the use of a single family home and Health and Social Services will manage the operational aspects of the project.
- There are 55 foster families across Yukon. This project is in addition to those.
- Family and Children's Services is continually looking for new foster families. For more information, please contact 1-833-896-2273 or 667-3002.

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