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### Premier participates in discussions on family health

WHITEHORSE—Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski provided a Yukon perspective during the first day of discussions at the Council of the Federation meeting, which focused on how governments can support wellness and provide opportunities to strengthen Canadian families.

"Family health, including programs for children, parents, youth and seniors, is a priority for all premiers, and we agreed that improving the well-being of Canadians will ultimately lead to health care savings," Pasloski said.

Pasloski and his provincial and territorial counterparts identified a number of initiatives underway in their jurisdictions to promote family wellness. The premiers also called on their ministers of Health to continue their collaborative work on reducing sodium and sugar in prepared foods; identifying and developing guidelines for places where children and youth gather; and prevention, diagnosis, early intervention, research and support to those affected by fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD).

"I highlighted the multi-sectoral work being done to combat FASD," Pasloski said. "We are committed to supporting Yukon families impacted by FASD and to eradicating this disorder, which is 100 per cent preventable."

Pasloski also stressed that a focus on youth is an investment in Yukon's future, and recognized the contribution of seniors to their communities.

Pasloski and his provincial and territorial colleagues met Wednesday, July 20 with national Aboriginal leaders. Topics discussed included education, economic development, prevention of violence against Aboriginal women and crisis and emergency management.

The prevention of violence against Aboriginal women remains a priority for premiers and Aboriginal leaders and has been an ongoing topic of discussion at their annual meetings.

"Yukon's commitment to preventing violence against Aboriginal women reflects the shared concern of all Canadian jurisdictions," Pasloski said. "Aboriginal women's equality is a main focus of the Government of Yukon's Women's Directorate, and we continue to work collaboratively with Aboriginal women's groups, Yukon First Nations and individual women on a number of key initiatives."

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