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Whitehorse Affordable Family Housing residence program expanded

WHITEHORSE - The Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition (YAPC) together with community partners has been selected to offer and coordinate programming at the Whitehorse Affordable Family Housing residence in Riverdale.

Completed in 2010, the residence provides accommodation for up to 32 single parent families and programming options for tenants. Following a tenant needs assessment and recommendations on how best to improve the delivery of programming for families, an expression of interest seeking a service provider external to government was issued by the Women's Directorate (WD).

"This new partnership will ensure families benefit from an expanded range of services and programming aimed at maintaining a successful tenancy, fostering independent living and providing a safe and healthy environment," Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate Elaine Taylor said. "The combined expertise of the Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition and partner organizations such as Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre and Partners for Children will be of great benefit to tenants and their families".

Examples of programs to be offered include outreach, referral, skills development, community building activities, after school programming for children as well as individual and collective support for tenants as identified.

"One of Yukon Housing Corporation's strategic goals is to develop partnerships with departments, other governments and organizations to enhance the full range of choices along the housing continuum in Yukon," Minister responsible Yukon Housing Corporation (YHC) Stacey Hassard said. "This strategic partnership with the Women's Directorate, Yukon Housing Corporation and the Anti-Poverty Coalition will build on past successes while providing enhanced programming in support of overall improved outcomes for single parent families."

YHC will provide tenant relations function and property management while the WD will oversee the contract for the support services being provided. An oversight committee comprising YHC, WD, YAPC and tenant representatives will also be established to monitor and report on the program.

"We are looking forward to working with our partners in delivering programming to tenants," said Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition coordinator Kristina Craig. "This type of collaboration offers a diverse set of skills and creativity and we are excited to get started."

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