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Yukon government selects provider of vocational services for people with disabilities

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon announced today that Challenge Disability Resource Group has been chosen to provide services to help people with disabilities move into the workforce.

"The Yukon government is committed to helping Yukoners find, gain, and maintain employment," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "Challenge Disability Resource Group has an excellent and long-standing reputation as a leader in job coaching and vocational planning. I'm pleased that Challenge is bringing its expertise to help this client group find and maintain employment."

Challenge Disability Resource Group will work in close collaboration with existing employment assistance service providers to provide employment services to people with disabilities.

The program is targeted to begin in July 2015. In the interim, case management is being provided by the Department of Education's Labour Market Programs and Service unit.

Yukon's services for people with disabilities are supported by two agreements with the federal government: the Canada – Yukon Labour Market Development Agreement and the Labour Market Agreement for Persons with Disabilities (LMAPD). Yukon was the first jurisdiction in Canada to enter into a LMAPD, signed in February 2014 and worth \$1.25 million annually for four years.

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