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Yukon's work on children in care part of national focus

EDMONTON—Minister of Health and Social Services Mike Nixon says Yukon has already made great progress addressing key social issues in areas identified by federal, provincial and territorial ministers, such as reducing the number of children in care.

"One of the commitments made at the meetings in Edmonton was to build on the 2015 *Aboriginal Children in Care: Report to Canada's Premiers*, which highlighted several successful Yukon initiatives," Nixon said. "I was also pleased to participate in a positive discussion with the federal government on the needs of people with disabilities and I look forward to further details on proposed federal legislation on this issue."

Social services ministers also discussed key issues such as reducing poverty, supporting high-quality early learning and childcare services. Ministers were also briefed on the new federal Social Infrastructure Fund. The Yukon government looks forward to receiving additional information about how the fund will work.

The meeting was co-chaired by federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development Jean-Yves Duclos and Alberta Minister of Human Services Irfan Sabir.

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