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Correctional Officer Career Program for Women

WHITEHORSE - Advanced Education has provided \$69,450 through the Community Training Fund to assist Yukon College and the Department of Justice in developing and delivering a pilot program for women interested in exploring a career as a correctional officer.

"The Department of Education is pleased to support this new opportunity," Education Minister Patrick Rouble said. "We look forward to monitoring this pilot project for successes that can be transferred to future projects."

This program will help participants answer three basic questions: What is a career as a Correctional Officer all about? Is the job right for me? How do I get started?

"This is a targeted program that will provide women with a unique opportunity to consider whether a career as a correctional officer would be the right choice," Justice Minister Marian C. Horne said.

Participants will explore the dynamics of working in a correctional environment, the role of the correctional officer, and how the training and skills learned as a correctional officer can be applied in other careers. The program will also include modules on personal wellness, First Nations' cultures, and work preparation.

All participants will take the first week of the program together in Whitehorse. During the second and third weeks, the program will be offered in Whitehorse, Dawson and Watson Lake by video link through Yukon College campuses and on-site instructors.

A maximum of 20 participants will be accepted to take the pilot program: 10 participants will be eligible to take the program in Whitehorse, five in Dawson and five in Watson Lake.

The deadline for registration is March 25. Contact project coordinator Jeff Wolosewich, at the Yukon College 867-456-8601 for more details and to register.

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