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## **Family Literacy Centre receives helping hand from Yukon government**

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon Literacy Coalition is receiving \$200,000 so it can continue operating the Family Literacy Centre for another year, Education Minister Scott Kent announced today. The funding will allow the coalition to continue running the centre while a business plan to secure long-term funding from multiple partners is developed.

“The Government of Yukon is committed to supporting literacy as a priority because it is a fundamental building block for learning,” Kent said. “The Family Literacy Centre is recognized for being welcoming and inclusive, and for providing a variety of programming options that help develop reading and literacy skills for all ages.”

The Yukon Literacy Coalition received \$264,000 over two years from the Northern Strategy Trust Fund to fund the Family Literacy Centre through to October 2011. The Department of Education provided bridge funding of \$65,000 until March 31, 2012, while the program was being evaluated. The additional funding being announced today will support the Family Literacy Centre’s programs for another year and give the Yukon Literacy Coalition an opportunity to implement recommendations from the evaluation and secure new supporting partners for long-term operations.

“We are thrilled with the Yukon government’s support of the Family Literacy Centre and our continued partnership with the City of Whitehorse,” Executive Director of the Yukon Literacy Coalition Beth Mulloy said. “The Family Literacy Centre is a valuable community resource providing a safe and welcoming environment for Yukoners to learn together. Literacy is a cornerstone for education and an essential part of continuous learning at home and in the workplace. Investing in the Family Literacy Centre ensures that we are supporting intergenerational education.”

The Family Literacy Centre is located on the second floor of the Canada Games Centre. It is open six days a week and sees approximately 300 visitors each month. The Family Literacy Centre provides a holistic family and community approach to learning for all Yukoners. Its staff works to be culturally responsive and adaptive to the diverse needs of the community.

For more information about the Family Literacy Centre visit the website.

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