



UAKN
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Autochtones en milieu urbain

RESEARCH PROJECT SUMMARY Western Research Centre

Name of Project:

A Review of the Literature and an Environmental Scan of Urban Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Initiatives in Canada

Research Start-up Summary and Abstract:

This research project is composed of two parts a literature review and an environmental scan. The purpose of the literature review is to gain a clear sense of the nature and scope of the research that has focused on the topic of healing initiatives for Aboriginal peoples that have and are presently taking place within urban contexts. A wide range of accessible literature will be sought out including academic journals, theses and dissertations, Aboriginal Healing Foundation (AHF) documents, National Aboriginal Health Organization documents, Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy (AHWS) documents, Government Reports, National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health (NCCAH) documents, Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) documents, Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP), etc.

The purpose of the environmental scan is to gain a sense of the scope and the nature of the actual Aboriginal healing programming that presently exists within urban Aboriginal organizations in Canada. This will be a web-based initiative that will source the information from Aboriginal organization websites. The student will be asked to work their way from the local, to the provincial and on to the national context.

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Engagement objectives:

The intention of this project is to gain a clear sense of the nature and scope of the research and programming related to healing initiatives for Aboriginal peoples within urban settings. A report of the findings will be available to others on the UAKN website as well as through other UAKN knowledge mobilization strategies.

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