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RESEARCH PROJECT SUMMARY

Western Research Centre

Name of Project:

UAKN Prince George Protocol Development Proposal

Collaborating Friendship Centre and/or other urban Aboriginal organization:

Prince George Native Friendship Centre
Central Interior Native Health Society
Positive Living North

Research Start-up Summary and Abstract:

This project is an outcome of the ongoing dialogue with and between urban Aboriginal organizations in Prince George and university-based researchers from the UNBC and UBC about the research goals and capacity needs in the urban Aboriginal community generally. A clear need has arisen to delineate both processes and protocols that will assist urban Aboriginal organizations in Prince George to develop research projects and respond to research opportunities.

To address research deficits and knowledge disparities related to urban Aboriginal research is to develop the research capacity of urban Aboriginal organizations and researchers to undertake research that situates research projects within the epistemological and relational realities of urban Aboriginal communities to ensure that the knowledge is translated and shared in ways that people can understand and implement.

Engagement Objectives:

The Prince George Native Friendship Centre (PGNFC), the Central Interior Native Health Society (CINHS) and Positive Living North – including the Fire Pit (PLN) are strong networked organizations that form a significant part of the core of the urban Aboriginal service community providing social, mental, spiritual and health services to Aboriginal people who live in Prince George. Each organization brings their unique histories, strengths and perspectives to the table. Each organization is interested in moving forward with three main goals:

- Enhancing organizational capacity to develop and respond to research opportunities by developing internal organization research protocols.
- Engaging in a collaborative process to develop community-wide protocols and processes that will facilitate both the development of meaningful research projects, as well as engaged and meaningful partnerships with researchers.

- Engaging in a collaborative research opportunity to identify or develop a research project in order to “test drive” both internally and community protocols.

Building on the strengths of the urban Aboriginal community this project aims to develop research protocols that will in turn, facilitate developing and enacting a shared research agenda this strengthening community capacity to engage in research with the university and external collaborators across all themes identified by the Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network’s Western Research Centre.

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