

A Yukon Child & Youth Advocacy Centre:

Responding to child
and youth victims and
witnesses of crime



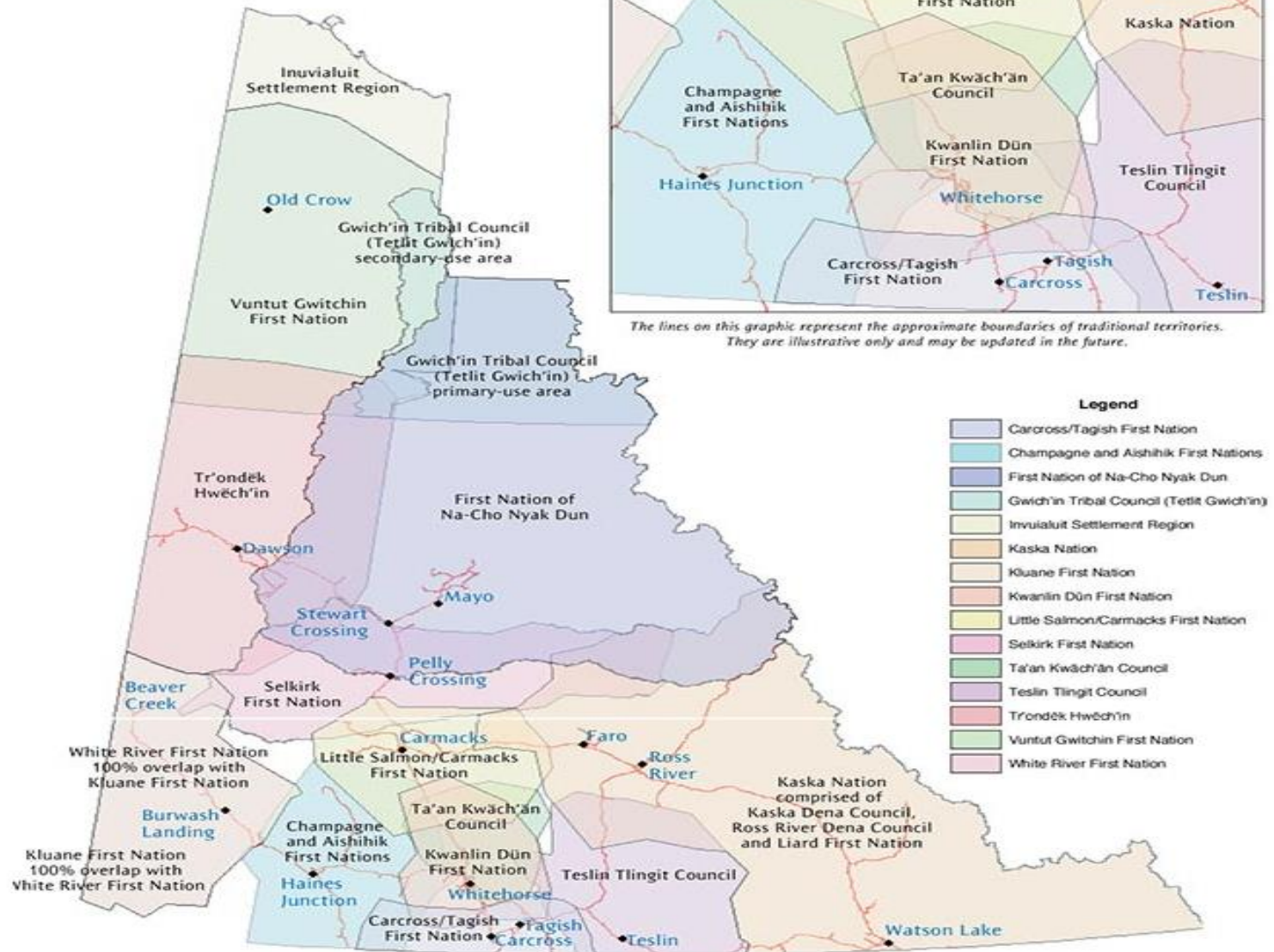
- What is Project Lynx
- How we coordinate & referrals
- Why coordination is important
- Coordination highlights
- Questions

National Child & Youth Advocacy Network

National Meeting Presentation



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DIAND, Claims and Indian Government
Yukon Region; September 2002
From maps provided by the First Nations
Referenced in the Umbrella Final Agreement



The lines on this graphic represent the approximate boundaries of traditional territories.
They are illustrative only and may be updated in the future.

Yukon children and youth who have been victims or witnesses to any crime can access supports and services through all Lynx partners to assist in navigating the Justice System



Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT):

- ✓ RCMP
- ✓ Family & Children's Services, Regional Services
- ✓ Public Prosecution Service Canada, Crown Witness Coordinators
- ✓ Victim Services
- ✓ Court Services
- ✓ Child & Adolescent Therapeutic Services
- ✓ Council of Yukon First Nations
- ✓ Yukon Sexual Health Clinic (Nurse Practitioner)

Have you responded to an incident involving a child or youth?

Project Lynx can help...

Project Lynx guides child & youth victims of any crime & their caregivers by coordinating supports with service providers to reduce the impacts of trauma

Referrals:

- You can call Victim Services to refer
- Encourage youth or caregiver to call

Services Offered:

- Coordinated supports
- Child & youth focused services
- Navigation through justice system
- Court updates and information
- Advocacy & participation



At Victim Services **667-8500**

Toll Free number in Yukon 1-800-661-0408 ext 8500

Project Lynx coordinates multi-disciplinary interagency partners who provide services and programs for children and youth victims and witnesses of crime to manage the impacts of trauma with special consideration of their developmental age



Project Lynx Coordinator :

- Coordinate the multidisciplinary teams
- Guide the development of Project Lynx processes based on CYAC best practice standards
- Receive referrals & obtain consent to participate
- Facilitate coordination to track, monitor & review files
- Identify and address successes & challenges
- Evaluate coordination processes
- Facilitate training to implement coordinated processes

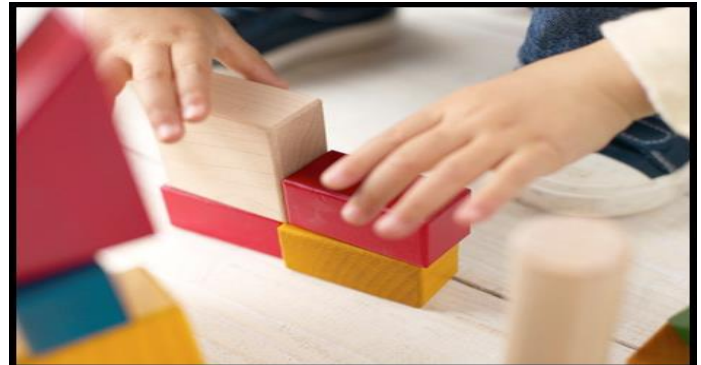
Project Lynx is enhancing the responses for child/youth victims and witnesses of crime by applying current national best practices for child advocacy centers to Yukon's northern context

Best Practices for CYAC's:

- ✓ Multi-disciplinary Team
- ✓ Child Appropriate/child friendly facility
- ✓ Cultural Competency and Diversity
- ✓ Forensic Interviews
- ✓ Medical Evaluation
- ✓ Therapeutic Intervention
- ✓ Victim Support/Advocacy
- ✓ Case review
- ✓ Case Tracking – Research and Evaluation

Developing Project Lynx

- ✓ 2011 – Knowledge Exchange for CYACs
- ✓ 2011 – DOJ receives \$\$ to develop Yukon's CYAC
- ✓ 2012 – MDT is confirmed = Project Lynx!
- ✓ 2013 – Project Lynx confirms MDT Terms of Reference
- ✓ 2014 – Project Lynx referrals
- ✓ 2014- now = coordination!



The Yukon Context



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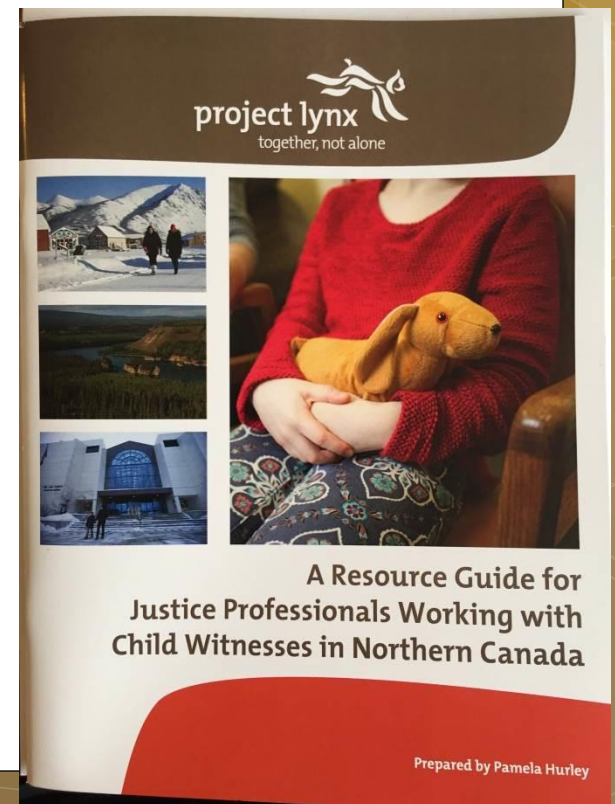
Coordination in the communities

- Partnerships with Regional Services and First Nations
- Community presentations and interagency meetings
- Rural and First Nation participation in training activities
- Coordinating child/youth files from communities
- Technological improvements to support witnesses
- Enhancements to interview and meeting spaces
- Consultations and conferences with community teams



What we've done so far...

- ✓ Project Lynx Coordinator & multidisciplinary team
- ✓ Terms of Reference, Procedures Manual, data collection tools
- ✓ Coordinate, track & review files
- ✓ Communications strategy
- ✓ Training activities and information
- ✓ Resource development
- ✓ Community information sessions



Evaluation & Research

- 2 year outcome developmental evaluation to 2015
- 3 year research study with Justice Canada to 2016
- Data collection to support project coordination, evaluation, research and sustainability
- National Child & Youth Advocacy Centre Network – Canadian research and development of guidelines

Where we're going...

- Identify and pilot a dedicated child/youth friendly space
- Cross disciplinary training plan & process
- In-service information for MDT and community partners
- Engage with rural communities & First Nations
- Formalized clear commitment from partner organizations
- Partner with SART (sexualized assault response team)
- Implement new & improved data collection tool/system
- Coordinate all child/youth victim & witness cases





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Questions?
Thank YOU 😊

