**Operational status** (as of April 2014) :   *in development*

| Name of Organization | Yukon Response to Child Victims and Witnesses: Project Lynx | | |
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Project Lynx is a Child Advocacy Centre initiative in Yukon that coordinates a team of multi-disciplinary interagency partners in the delivery of services to children/youth. The vision of the project is to facilitate a child-focused collaborative and integrated consent-based service for child/youth victims**,** and/or witnesses of crime,  which is aligned with current national best practices for Child Advocacy Centres.

**Scope of Project Lynx:**
Project Lynx will enhance the existing response systems by coordinating services. The project promotes a streamlined approach by integrating responses and improving communication networks in a centralized case coordination system. Project Lynx supports client, worker and organizational development from a child/youth-focused, and trauma-informed perspective,  and emphasizes the best interest of the child/youth victim and/or witness of crime.

A Project Lynx client is a child/youth under 19 years of age, as defined by the *Child and Family Services Act*, who has suffered harm as the result of a crime, and who consents to Project Lynx participation, and/or consent is provided by the client's legal guardian/caregiver.

Harm is identified as: bodily injury, mental injury, emotional pain, economic loss, and loss of property. A crime is defined as all offences under the Criminal Code, all other federal laws and all Yukon laws, even if no charge has been laid or the accused has not been convicted. A client may also be defined as a family member or guardian;  in some cases the child is incapable of exercising his or her rights as

the victim and/or witness of a crime. As long as the nearest relative or guardian is not the accused person, he or she can receive information and services for the child/youth.