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Wabano Centre receives \$150,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for cultural safety training program

Today, the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health celebrates its cultural safety training program that will support human service providers who work with Aboriginal Peoples.

"I am pleased to announce today that the Wabano Centre is receiving funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to ensure the development of a curriculum to be used for cultural training of its service providers. This cultural competency training stresses the importance of ensuring a culturally appropriate environment in order to remove all barriers to the centre's clientele," says Madeleine Meilleur, MPP for Ottawa-Vanier.

Thanks to a two-year \$150,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Wabano will be able to develop a curriculum that will result culturally-safe and competent care for Aboriginal people living in the city.

"Cultural safety has always been regarded as an important part of our organization. We are very confident that the outcome will be positive and will lead to better health outcomes for the Aboriginal community in Ottawa," says Wabano Board President Pierre Gauthier.

The project is slated for a 2015 completion.

The Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health delivers quality, holistic, culturally-relevant health and social services to First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Ottawa. For more information about the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health, please visit wabano.com.

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