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Funding from Canadian Foundation for Healthcare will encourage family engagement in paediatric rehabilitation in the Yukon

The community of Whitehorse will benefit from the vision of McMaster Physiotherapy alumnus and recent graduate of the Master of Health Management program, Amy Riske. The ground work she developed in her scholarly paper entitled: 'Organizational level family engagement in community-based paediatric rehabilitation' spiralled into a larger project for her and the Child Development Centre in the Yukon. After completing the paper she discussed with the management team and the board about establishing a Family Advisory Council at the Child Development Centre. They submitted a proposal for one of the Patient and Family Engagement Collaboratives available through the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement who promotes collaborations with health system leaders to accelerate healthcare improvement. This initiative helps Canadian healthcare organizations make care more patient- and family-centred, coordinated, safe and efficient. Although it was a long shot they were one of 22 projects across the country to get funding!

Amy says: "So - I get to have the experience of being the Project Lead for establishing a Family Advisory Council at the Child Development Centre and then partner with the council to work on our current waiting list processes, all while having coaching and mentoring through the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement! It is pretty exciting for me and for our centre and pretty high profile stuff for us. Lots of new challenges and learning in the next 18 months."