

# Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary

## Health Innovation & Cancer Prevention (HICP)

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<b>Outcomes/Accomplishments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raised awareness of cancer prevention in community</li><li>• Built connections with Elders</li><li>• Delivered curriculum in creative ways</li><li>• Demonstrated the need for alternate education and professional training</li></ul>
<b>Challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Numerous attempts to build partnership with Tom Baker Centre with no success</li><li>• Health restrictions prohibited or limited in-person gathering</li><li>• Low participation rate</li><li>• 100% reliance on technology</li></ul>
<b>Lessons Learned</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traditional medicine/healing is equally important as Western and should be integrated into mainstream health services</li><li>• Cancer prevention needs to be holistic</li></ul>
<b>Next Step(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue to build capacity to revive Indigenous health practices, foods and healing method</li></ul>
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure grant is available to grassroots Indigenous organizations</li><li>• Build Indigenous health and wellness capacities</li></ul>