

Alberta Native Friendship Centre Assoc.

Health Innovation & Cancer Prevention (HICP)

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Outcomes/Accomplishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised awareness of cancer prevention and treatment regionally & provincially significantly to 310 community members • Indigenous people are more aware of services and supports available
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 negatively impacted outreach efforts
Lessons Learned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much more work is needed to ensure change in attitudes, behaviors, and actions “stick” • Relationship building must be “two-way street” • AFNC is the best organization to support urban Indigenous communities and to coordinate this project provincially
Next Step(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Recommendation(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue the Circle of Life initiative • Expand the reach of Circle of Life • AFNC have a critical role to play in Alberta’s Cancer Plan to 2030 • AFNC retain responsibility of Circle of Life • Pursue multi-year funding to continue this work