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What is the Kuh-Ke-Nah?

Smart First Nations Demonstration Project

Telehealth

The Keewaytinook Okimakanak Telehealth service model ensures the delivery of a successful, high quality telemedicine service within the KO Region – Deer Lake, Fort Severn, Keewaywin, North Spirit Lake, Poplar Hill, Balmertown and Sioux Lookout. It presents a scalable platform for migrating access to telemedicine services throughout the Sioux Lookout Health Zone. The service model has evolved over a two year period and demonstrates a community-based commitment by First Nations, government and health institutions to improve and enhance First Nations access to medical, health and social services through the use of telemedicine protocols and information and communications technologies.

Kuh-Ke-Nah Websites

Kuh-Ke-Nah means “everybody” in Oji-Cree. The K-Net portal adds value to current services by introducing community-wide standards for developing new products and regional standards for creating and enhancing web-based services. Wide area network services are guiding the development of new content projects, supporting the creation of unique resources, and are becoming the primary tool in the development of on-line activities and skill sets within each community.

Broadband Network

The Kuh-Ke-Nah Network (K-Net) is an agent for the development of community based broadband networks. Its mandate includes working with First Nations to enable them to control the ownership of their terrestrial or satellite broadband connections and appropriate applications. K-Net believes that in order for a network to be sustainable in a small community then the local leaders and organizations are required to be involved in all the development phases and ongoing operation of the service. This effort ensures that businesses, organizations and service agencies working with the community will be able to contribute to the ongoing operation and maintenance of the network so everyone in the community can access these online services.

Data Warehouse

The Data Warehouse provides services in member First Nation in the areas of:

- Working with the First Nations to develop capital data bases and monitoring system to track progress of community proposals;
- Assisting First Nations to access the skills and expertise for database maintenance programs;
- Developing appropriate on-line database tools and resources for sustainable applications (GIS, e-learning, personnel management, etc).

KiHS

KiHS is the first private Internet High School in Ontario authorized by the Provincial Ministry of Education to grant credits leading to an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. This school was created for Aboriginal youth and their families who live in small isolated First Nation communities in Ontario and who wish to remain in their community to get Grade 9 and 10 credits.

E-Centres

The First Nation E-Centres are the distribution point for network access in each Smart First Nation from where the local organizations, programs and the homes receive their connection to the high speed data network. The E-Centre facility and the Smart team members located there provide a number of support services for community members, including technical advice, repair services, training sessions, meeting space, public access, library services, etc. The E-Centre is also the small business incubation and support facility for local economic development activities.