

Heidi Langille, Bridging the Gap School Age Program coordinator at the Ottawa Inuit Children's Centre, believes ACCEL will help address the lack of culturally-appropriate resources.

"It's absolutely critical for First Nations, Inuit and Métis kids to experience their own culture at such a young age," says Langille. "It's part of forming their identity. A Web site like ACCEL will be hugely helpful."

NAHO predicts a promising year for the ACCEL Web site, filled with new partnership opportunities and increased capacity for information sharing. The site was recently updated with many new practical resources for First Nations, Inuit and Métis community members.

Coordination of the site signifies NAHO's commitment to improving the health and well-being of First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals, families, and communities.

Dr. Tremblay went on to say, "It is important for our children to have culturally-appropriate information so wise decisions can be made and the best opportunities for growth and development can be provided."

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