

The Youth Council of Fort Yukon has developed an intervention strategy to prevent some of the pedestrian deaths and injuries in their village. This project was completed as part of the Indian Health Service Youth Safety Project competition. The group decided that street lights in an area of the community would make all pedestrians more visible and a pedestrian-only trail around the east side of the road would separate the cars, pedestrians and snowmachines in that dangerous section of the road. They constructed a model of their intervention plan to help ''sell'' their idea. The Fort Yukon Village Council agreed with the youth group and pledged support and funding. Youth group members and their advisor include, standing, from left, Health and Safety Educator Olive Solomon, Melissa Peter, Bobby Springer, Donna Jonas, Melody Carroll, Wilfred Fields and John Alexander. The front row includes Steven Shervfelt, Richard Strom and Jacob Wright. The youth council was one of three Indian youth groups to win national recognition for their injury prevention work. Two members of the council were asked to travel to Washington, D.C., for an awards ceremony.