

# Research on ICT with Aboriginal Communities

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Across Canada, Aboriginal communities are considering how they can best use information and communication technologies (ICT) for:

- Learning and education
- Health and wellness
- Governance
- Business and industrial development
- Increasing the participation of Aboriginal citizens in a range of social, economic, political and cultural activities
- Sharing and promoting common perspectives
- Sustainable development
- Structuring information from an Aboriginal Way of Knowing

The RICTA cluster's core principle is research WITH Aboriginal communities – developing collaborative research projects that respond to the needs of Aboriginal communities as well as the needs of researchers.



*Elijah Harper communicating via teleconferencing with KO Tele-health in Deer Lake First Nation*



*Gull Bay teacher and student*

## Join us by webcast via the Internet!

We welcome everyone interested in our work to watch or participate in the first RICTA meeting by webcast via the Internet on Friday, 11 March 2005. For more information, visit our website: [www.ricta.ca](http://www.ricta.ca)

Meeting and webcasting hosted by Keewaytinook Okimakanak

The 37 RICTA cluster members - from universities, research institutes, Aboriginal organizations, government and the private sector – contribute a wealth of multi-disciplinary expertise.

RICTA is a critical mass of knowledge that Aboriginal communities can both contribute to and tap into on their paths to achieving their development goals.

**RICTA core group:** Susan O'Donnell (Principal Investigator), University of New Brunswick and National Research Council; **Brian Walmark**, Keewaytinook Okimakanak Research Institute; **Dean Care**, University of Manitoba; **Nadia Caidi**, University of Toronto; **Sylvia Barton**, University of Northern British Columbia; **Mary Francoli**, University of Western Ontario; **William J. McIver Jr.**, National Research Council; **Heather Hudson**, University of San Francisco. **Other RICTA members:** **Beverly Diamond**, Memorial University of Newfoundland; **Carrie Dyck**, Memorial University of Newfoundland; **Cynthia Alexander**, Acadia University; **Jennie Hornosty**, University of New Brunswick; **Karen Murray**, University of New Brunswick; **Elizabeth Kaine**, Université du Québec à Chicoutimi; **Elise Dubuc**, Université du Québec à Chicoutimi; **Lorna Roth**, Concordia University; **Duncan Sanderson**, Université du Québec à Montréal; **Jill Finley**, York University; **Adam Fiser**, University of Toronto; **Kathi Wilson**, University of Toronto at Mississauga; **Teresa Ritter**, York & Ryerson Universities; **Ricardo Ramirez**, University of Guelph; **George Ferreira**, University of Guelph; **Peggy Smith**, Lakehead University; **Sandra Kouritzin**, University of Manitoba; **Frits Pannekoek**, University of Calgary; **Jonathan Corbett**, University of Victoria; **Scott Robinson**, Universidad Metropolitana, Mexico; **Michael Gurstein**, New Jersey Institute of Technology; **Jelena Golic**, Native Women's Association of Canada; **Ryan Corbiere**, Assembly of First Nations; **Craig Clark**, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami; **Brian Beaton**, K-Net, Keewaytinook Okimakanak; **Rob Mastin**, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada; **Lawrence Euteneier**, Industry Canada; **Marcia Nickerson**, KTA Centre for Collaborative Government



*Demonstrating the Non-Mydriatic Topcon Camera*