Bouzhoo! Bouzhoo!

In this issue, we will introduce technology that we will be using shortly in this project.

These internet tools will help us to communicate more often and will enable more efficient communication. If you remember last March 2009, we discussed that this would occur this year.

There have been seven of you who have already been trained in questionnaire development and have produced the ethical consent forms with CIET in Ottawa in December 2009 and January 2010.

The next training will take place in April 2010. The location is being determined and you will be notified as soon as all of the details are worked out.

The free internet based tools that we will introduce in this issue are Gmail (signing up for a gmail account and then joining our group blog ADVResilience) and signing up for Skype.

Mike Patterson, (also known as CyberYoda), who I talked about in the last newsletter, has graciously volunteered to help each of you use these tools.

As you read this remember that our ancestors developed common trading languages to communicate with people outside of their territories or travelling through their areas.

These communication tools we will be using will help us to contemporize this old way of treating one another and will help us to continue developing relationships and connections with one another as we work together on this project.

Research Question:

Building on their cultural and spiritual resilience, how can Aboriginal communities’ best reduce family violence? What does it take to measure this?

The specific objectives of this project are:

1. Build partnerships with communities to develop and test culturally appropriate methods to identify resilience factors that protect against domestic violence among Aboriginal people, with a view to using these in unbiased prevention trials;

2. Develop and test culturally appropriate protocols to formulate evidence-based community-led interventions that reduce domestic violence in Aboriginal communities;

3. Implement the pilot community-led interventions and develop a framework to assess their impact at the individual, family and community level.
For the Brave…

**Skype** is an online tool.

It is like an internet telephone with video and audio connections.

We can see one another as we are talking or we can listen or we can type messages to one another (for free). We can maintain friendships with people all over the world and it costs nothing!

Another part of Skype is the ability to teleconference or internet conference or cyber conference. A group of us can talk together like we are in the same room (but with only our pictures showing).

You can sign up for Skype below.
http://www.skype.com/help-guides/startskype/

When you decide to use this new tool, let me know your Skype name and I will add you to my account at Bouzhoo.Bouzhoo