

Service Intro

Neurofeedback training is a form of training that helps the brain learn to regulate itself, especially in relation to states of arousal, flexibility, and resiliency in the brain function. Neurofeedback is a gentle, painless, and non-invasive process that results in the brain and central nervous system being better able to return to a more natural, healthy rhythm from various states of imbalance and dysregulation. As the brain learns how to regulate itself with increasing efficiency, flexibility, organization, and resilience, individuals can experience significant improvements in many areas of their lives.

Our clients are...

Neurofeedback training can produce significant and lasting results for a variety of symptoms including those associated with:

- Addictions and compulsive behaviours
- ADHD & Oppositional Defiance Disorder
- Anxiety Disorders / panic attacks
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS)
- Chronic Pain
- Depression
- Migraine headaches
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD)
- Sleep disorders
- ... and many other challenges in life that stem from brain functioning

Pivot Point's approach

The goal of Neurofeedback is to get the whole brain working as a cohesive and unified entity. This is why our systems focus on (i.e., give feedback in relation to) the overall dynamics of healthy brain functioning rather than focusing on 'site training' individual parts of the brain. This approach harmonizes the brain within itself and avoids overtraining in one specific area or in one specific frequency range relative to others. And just like an experienced orchestral team, once all parts of the brain learn how to communicate and keep pace with each other, beautiful things can happen!

One of the greatest advantages of modern Neurofeedback is that training can be very passive. Clients do not need to consciously work at changing thoughts or mental states, the brain simply listens to the feedback it receives through the earbuds, and it learns by building associations with how it is performing.

- We strive for 10 sessions per calendar month, and to have a review of progress after every 10 sessions.
- We can work at our offices, in client homes, as well as in some schools and community centres.
- Neurofeedback can be integrated into a medication trial, as our clinicians are happy to discuss training with your family physician.



Pivot Point's unique approach also involves clearly identifying the underlying desired behaviour targets (increasing good things and/or decreasing bad things), carefully tracking progress in those observable changes, and integrating home-work and home-supports to help extend learning into home and other natural environments.

A typical session

Your initial session at Pivot Point starts with a review of your history, as well as a thorough discussion about your goals for Neurofeedback training. The intake process enables the practitioner to provide you with the best training possible for your unique needs and situation. After we have answered each other's questions and plotted our course together, your first Neurofeedback training session can begin in that first meeting.

- Most sessions are about 45 minutes of NFB training and 10 minutes of discussion and setup/clean up.
- Each session begins with a review of the client's internal and external experiences since the last visit.
- To set up, the practitioner places EEG sensors on the client's scalp and ears using a small amount of conductivity paste. These sensors transmit the client's brainwave activity to a computer where they are monitored.
- The training consists of sitting in a comfortable chair, watching a show on a computer screen / or simply listening to music and/or talking to the practitioner... though talking is not required.
- The audio feedback is specifically engineered to gently inform the brain about how it is performing, millisecond by millisecond, and thereby help it learn to better regulate itself for optimal health and efficiency.... THIS is how the training works!

How to get started

1) If you are already a client, contact your Program Assistant to ask about adding Neurofeedback to your current plan of care.

- If you are using Autism Funding to pay for Neurofeedback, the child must be over 6 years old, some forms will need to be signed, including a "letter of recommendation" from the Behavior Consultant or Clinical Supervisor assigned to your case. Once this has been approved by the Autism Funding Branch, sessions can begin.
- If you are paying privately for Neurofeedback, your Program Assistant will discuss how to add this financial contribution to your existing budget so that everything runs smoothly. Your Program Assistant will also arrange for you to meet with one of our Neurofeedback Practitioners for a consultation.

2) If you are not yet a client, the best way to start is to complete our online form at

www.pivotpoint.ca/register-for-counselling. This is a confidential way to share your contact information, so that one of our Counsellors can connect with you to explore the suitability of our services in more detail.

3) Please visit a more detailed explanation about our Neurofeedback services at

www.pivotpoint.ca/mental-health-services/biofeedback



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