



THE MONTHLY POINT

Pivot Point Staff Newsletter



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Thank you Christie, Kyla and Joni for brightening up our head office with beautiful flowers from your gardens.

Admin Updates

The holiday season is fast approaching, which means that it is time to start Christmas party planning! Please send all of your Christmas Party event details to Caroline at marketing@pivotpoint.ca and she will create a Ticket Tailor event for your region.

Agency Updates

Thank you Elisha Summers for taking these photos of our beautiful Community Classroom in Port Coquitlam!



Tips for Frontline Staff

This month's tips were submitted by Christie Borrie who has been part of the Pivot Point family for 6.5 years! Thank you for all of your hard work and wisdom Christie!

“ New staff are encouraged to take time to learn about their clients, since every individual we work with is unique. This involves reading the latest ISP or PRM (found in the case file), read over current programs, and review the data that has been uploaded by either current or previous staff on a case, especially taking notice of potential reinforcers, potential barriers and questions. ”

- 1 Potential Reinforcers**

What have the staff and/or parents mentioned that this client loves?
- 2 Potential Barriers**

What have the staff and/or parents provided as examples of barriers in sessions? Examples may include distractions, setting events like being tired or hungry, not enough play breaks, etc. Check the Notes – has anyone posted recently about issues in sessions or at the home.
- 3 Questions**

Reach out to the BC or another front line staff on the case before going in or after a few pairing sessions with any questions that you have about working with the client or running programs, they can give you the best scoop on what's happening.

Newsletter Content Submissions

If you would like to participate in writing content, sending in photographs and/or sharing ideas for the staff newsletter, please contact Caroline at marketing@pivotpoint.ca

Newsletter Feedback

Pivot Point has launched a new and improved monthly staff newsletter. Please provide us with your feedback or let us know specific topics you'd like to see in these newsletters. Click [HERE](#) to tell us your thoughts.

Staff Spotlights

Dakota Fancey, Erin Potter & Melissa Nufeld

Dakota Fancey

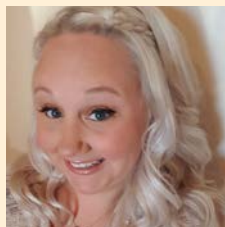
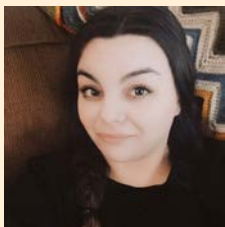
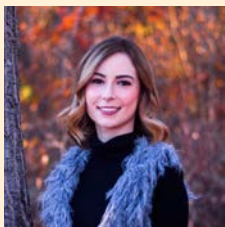
Dakota Fancey has been instrumental in creating positive change for one of our new Nelson families. Thanks to Dakota an 8 year old now looks forward to learning and her 1-1 sessions where learning is fun, flexible and engaging. To quote the family's mother, "Thank you for what you are doing Dakota! You are making a huge difference in our child's life! For the first time ever she is loving every day of school!"

Erin Potter

Erin is a pleasure to work with and steps up to help at any time. She goes above and beyond and helps sub in the classroom on days needed. She has filled her caseload since joining Pivot Point and has taken on the role as Program Assistant! We are so glad to have her on the Abbotsford team!

Melissa Neufeld

Melissa possesses grace, composure, compassion and creativity. She is thriving in her new role as a Community Classroom Instructor. The classroom is already running like a well oiled machine. She encourages student engagement and learning. Melissa jumped right into networking with the community, forming a great connection with the Backpack and Supply Program offered in joint partnership with Murray Honda and Staples. All students in need of a backpack and supplies received the generous donation.



News and Events

Back pack and Supply Program

A huge thank you to Staples Chilliwack and Murray Honda for their generous donation! Thanks to the Backpack and Supply Program students in need are able to get backpacks and school supplies. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our clients!



Photo submitted by Cheryl Elderton.

Autism Speaks Canada Walk



We would love to see as many Pivot Point staff as possible at this year's Autism Speaks Canada Walk and Resource Fair! The event will be taking place at the Goodlife Family Autism Center - 3688 Cessna Dr. Richmond, this Sunday, October 6th. The walk will begin at 10:00 am and the Resource Fair will be running until 12:00 pm.

We are looking for more volunteers to donate their time to this wonderful cause. If you would like to volunteer with us please email marketing@pivotpoint.ca

Clinical Corner

Mental Health

Our Mental Health Team has quadrupled in less than 2 years! More recently, in the last month, we have hired two Counsellors in the Lower Mainland to answer the call for more Mental Health Lead Professionals. Our capacity to serve is growing everyday!

Many of our Counsellors have received recent continuing education giving us even more ability to provide specialized support in complex areas including but not limited to Trauma, and Sexuality and Relationships, as well as the use of more therapy modalities and tools such as Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), hypnotherapy and Motivational Interviewing.

Tips to Promote Fine Motor Skill Acquisition

We do a lot of Fine Motor programs at Pivot Point! Many of our clients struggle with everyday tasks such as grasping small bits of food, opening containers, zipping up jackets, tying shoes, printing and colouring! If you are working on any of these programs, or even if you're not and just want to add in fun activity to develop fine-motor skills, try some of these fun things in your next session.

For Teens and Adults

Food decoration – Slicing food into small strips and circles using small knives and peelers can make for some really neat food art!

Make up and nail art – Make up requires fine motor control in a mirror, which is a skill within itself! Make sure your client uses their own products, please do not share make-up (it's unhygienic and could cause an allergic reaction). Nail art is tricky, but can be done easily with toothpicks and some nail polish.

For School-Aged Kids

Play-Doh Picture Mats - These are pictures done with outlines which you place Play-Doh strips on to make a picture. Draw a simple picture in bold coloured lines, then place in a plastic sheet protector. Voila, instant play mat!

String art – Get some popsicle sticks and glue them into an animal or human form. Get colourful string, and wrap it around the item to create some cool figurines!

For Early Intervention Kids

Play Doh activity – squish, and squeeze to make the playdoh squish between the fingers. Place the play-doh into a small bowl and poke fingers into it, focus on that pointer (index) finger! Hide items into the playdoh to find.

Tissue Paper Art – grab some old wrapping tissue in bright colours. Cut into small squares (about 1-2 cm). Take one, and squish it! Now stick it onto a piece of craft paper folded in half (like a card). Repeat many times until paper is covered. Voila, instant modern art card collage!