

THE MONTHLY POINT

Pivot Point Newsletter



Services to individuals with diverse abilities are an essential service in the province of British Columbia. As such, Pivot Point has measures in place to protect all of our clients and our staff who wish to provide or receive in-person supports. Pivot Point also provides nearly all of our services via on-line methods. View our <u>Safety Plan</u>.

Invisible Disabilities

October 1st marks the start of Dyslexia Awareness Month. October also includes Invisible Disabilities week from October 16th – 22nd. This year's theme is: Celebrating Progress.

It is estimated that 15% - 20% of the population has Dyslexia, which is known as a learning disorder. The brain's ability to decode letters and words, often words can get jumbled with unexpected reversals. While dyslexia can be a challenge, it is not an indicator of intelligence.

With the right approach, support, and <u>tools</u>, especially early on, children can learn to read and think more clearly and consistently. Did you know that many <u>Dyslexic individuals are gifted</u> in other ways?

Dyslexia is also one of many cognitive, developmental, intellectual, mental, or sensory conditions that can impact a person's behaviours, senses, or activities. As part of a long list of <u>Invisible Disabilities</u>, our staff can help each child, teen, adult and family decode the mysteries of what's working and not working well within the brain... to help unlock success.

Through education, support and bringing awareness, we can all learn to create a better, more inclusive world where we celebrate the many differences that make us, uniquely us.





Pivot Point provides services to children and adults with Autism and other Diverse Abilities. Our services are designed to create massive and meaningful change that reach important goals for our clients and their families throughout the province of British Columbia. Visit our <u>Regional Pages</u> to learn more!

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 Rochelle at: marketing@pivotpoint.ca

Newsletter Feedback

Rochelle would like to hear from you! Please provide her with your feedback or let her know of specific topics that you would like to see in upcoming newsletters by completing our <u>Feedback & Suggestion Form</u>. Thank you for your input!

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Meet: Renee Stein Regional Manager for Kamloops, Salmon Arm & Barriere



As a psychiatric nurse for the past 30 years, Renee has shared extensive journeys with clients and families that have given her the opportunity to make a positive difference in many lives.

Renee's work with children, youth, and adults in a variety of settings has allowed her to grow her career path with a passion towards inclusion, empowering and helping individuals reach for their goals and live their best lives.

Welcome to the team Renee!

Educational Services:

Individualized Tutoring, College Access Assistance, Community Classrooms and More!

Did you know . . . that Pivot Point Learning Centres provides a host of Educational Services In Person or Online for children and youth with Diverse Abilities across the province? We sure do!





Our "Step 1: Explore Learning Centres" form is designed to get you connected with our manager for a free Consultation. We'll help you and your child find the right fit to help them realize their dreams and have fun as they reach their full potential.

CLINICAL CORNER

Day Camps Continue - Fall, Winter and Spring by: Beth Stemler - BC/CCW

Summer is over and many of our summer camps have been successful across the province.

This year, our STEAM Challenge day camp empowered our learners to build water balloon catapults together, each team member utilized their strengths to make the coolest fortress battle royale of all time, it was a blast!

Participants in the Eco-Adventure camp got to explore their communities and make new friends as they engaged in fun activities in nature. Hiking, challenges, and beach exploration made for creating some fun shared experiences and summer memories.

Calling all Gamers! In our "Gamers and Actors Unite" day camps, the participants had fun acting out themes from all our favourite games such as Minecraft and Dungeons and Dragons. Pivot Point had lots of other day camp choices including Reading, Arts & Picnics and Student Success, helping primary level students get ready for a new school year.

Even though Summer has ended, the fun will continue with our groups with themes such as Dungeons and Dragons, LEGO club, Eco-Adventure Club for lots of in-person fun. For those that prefer online activities, there is of course our ever-popular Minecraft club, and many new online groups.

Pivot Point offers support groups for all ages as well online including PEERS, Caregiver Support, Taming the Worry Dragon and even an adult music-based social group online.

Join the fun! Check out our website under <u>Group</u> <u>Activities</u> for more information.

Our Day Camps provide social skill development and friendship building while inspiring a Growth Mindset and increased self-awareness / self-responsibility in a safe, respectful and fun peer environment. Book now for Day Camps in Winter & Spring Break!

Also, with your help as a <u>Sponsor</u>, we can ensure more children and young adults are able to have this experience regardless of their family's financial situation.

Do you have questions about our services?

Need Assistance about our services, <u>Request a</u>
<u>Meeting</u> and one of our Regional Mangers in your area will connect with you for a free consultation.