

THE MONTHLY POINT

Pivot Point Newsletter



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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 [Safety Plan here](#).

World Autism Awareness - April 2, 2023

March 27 - April 2 marks World Autism Acceptance Week

In today's world where diversity and inclusion are front and centre, we must also remember that Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion means being aware, supportive, and caring for those that are different from ourselves. Each person thinks differently, and we each have unique gifts to contribute to the world.



Some would say that [Autism is on the rise](#). With advances in diagnostic technology, screening processes, awareness, early diagnosis helps lead to early intervention, making positive impacts for many autistic individuals. Each autistic is unique, and as such will have different challenges and strengths. For many autistic adults, finally learning why they are the way they are has helped them understand themselves much better. There are screening tools available, and should always be followed up with a formal assessment.

This year's theme of Autism Awareness is colour. The word autism can not definitively describe varying levels of autism. The rainbow of colours through an infinity ribbon is currently a far more widely accepted symbol of autism.

There is no "curing" or "converting" autistic persons. However, science based learning that uses a variety of techniques to help autistic children and youth to develop at their own pace, allows them to feel accepted, develop confidence, gain social skills and progress towards their full potential.

Let us continue to change the narrative with positivity, removing the stigma and ignorance due to lack of knowledge.

Together we can realize our dreams for a better future!

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 [Feedback & Suggestion Form](#). Thank you for your input!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Deborah Brennan - Behaviour Consultant
Practicum Student



With a Certification in Behaviour Intervention and an advanced Diploma in Applied Behaviour Analysis, Deborah has been helping families and individuals from the Pre-K age to adults for most of her career. Her roles have included working on behaviour challenges and life skills, both as a team setting and independent.

Thank you Deborah for growing your career while sharing your passion for helping others, here at Pivot Point!

LEARNING CENTRES: SEPTEMBER 2023 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Where Diverse Learners Thrive!

Through small-group classrooms, individualized Tutoring, or Access Assistance at college or university, we aim to facilitate full participation, meaningful friendships and personal achievement.

Our Learning Centres are also supported by in-house Behaviour Consultants and Counsellors, to ensure not only the formal education needs are being met, but also life skills, positive behaviour skills, social skills, and that mental health supports are considered for each child.



At Pivot Point we are privileged to help bring positive change for children every day, so that they can live their best life for a better future!

Learn more about our [Learning Centres](#) today!

My Role and My Passion at Pivot Point

My name is Deborah Brennan, and I am a Behaviour Consultant Practicum Student here at Pivot Point since September 2022.

We began our autism journey as a family when one of my sons was diagnosed as autistic at the age of five. I spent many years learning as much as I could to try and understand and learn about what having a child on the spectrum would mean. Not only for us as a family, but I also began to discover that I could help other families and their autistic children. That's when I knew I wanted to turn my passion into a career, working towards a BCaBA designation.

My son needed to have a social environment, and we found the Beaver Scouts would be a great fit. I joined up as a Beaver Scout Leader.

We did many group camps, day trips snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. We had our moments helping him transition to wearing proper snow gear, and many other small changes that others take for granted. He needed the outings as much as I did. It was all worth it in the end to have that time together for ourselves and with others.

With first hand experience as a parent of an autistic child, I can relate to many experiences that families go through. Of course, all families are different, and everyone has their own journey. Through my experience I've learned that you can't judge a family based on how things might appear on the outside. It is not always easy for families that come to us.

However, all those families are asking for help - you just have to listen with your heart to what they are truly asking for.

I am excited to continue to grow my career path here at Pivot Point while helping to create positive change!



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Do you have questions about our services?

Need Assistance about our services?

[Request a Meeting](#) and our Regional Manager in your area will connect with you for a free consultation.