

# SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

## Respite & Recreation Services

### Service Intro

Pivot Point provides **Respite & Recreation** workers for individuals and families who want a short term break and want to just hang out.

This service does not involve any programming or therapy. Instead it provides a safe and exciting alternative to family care-taking. We provide flexibility in scheduling sessions and can deliver support in the community or in the individual's home.

Respite workers assist families and individuals in managing their many diverse needs, often enabling individuals and/or families to choose to have a respite session just before or after a therapeutic session, using the same staff.

\*Please note that we do not provide overnight respite.

Although our Respite & Recreation service is not therapeutic in nature, we continue to hold high standards for our staff around the support they provide. We use our Family's First assessment to identify the strengths and needs of the individual, and we are eager to collaborate with the individual and their care team around scheduling, as well as regarding their interests and needs. Our strong and consistent Respite team holds a high degree of accountability for the support provided.

Individuals can bring their MCFD, At Home or their own private funds to Pivot Point for Respite & Recreation. Some people use their own funds, extended health care, trust funds, Ministry of Education funding, grants, etc. Respite & Recreation services often compliment other services that are being provided to the individual and team.

Respite & Recreation sessions are meant to be fun, relaxing and enjoyable for everyone!

### Pivot Point's Approach

- We believe in person centered practice for the individuals and families we serve.
- We have over 20 years of experience providing services using an individualized model.
- We do not have a waitlist.
- We provide enthusiastic staff members eager to make each session fun or just meet individuals where they are at in life..
- We have a flexible service delivery system.
- We believe in a wrap around approach for individuals within their communities.
- We embrace a community development model where the individual is cared for in the context of their home and community.
- All of our services are tailored to each individual; starting, pausing and ending as goals of service are reached, or individualized funding is exhausted.



## The Individuals We Serve

Individuals served, of all ages, are always at the heart of our comprehensive care plans. Their voice, along with insights from the people in their support circles, directs our approach. We prioritize open communication, seeking permission to consult with others in their lives, fostering a collaborative and inclusive decision-making process.

Pivot Point staff have training and knowledge about a variety of different diverse abilities. We are happy to provide support to individuals regardless of their diagnosis or challenges.

## A Typical Session

Upon arrival the Respite & Recreation worker reviews the plans with the individual and family (if appropriate). Sessions are anywhere from 2 - 6 hours in length (or more) and can be delivered any day of the week and most hours of the day, as needed. The length of the session is based on the needs and interests of the individual served and the activities scheduled.

### Common Activities Include:

- Planning and making meals together
- Going to local parks, pools, and recreation centres
- Watching movies at home or out in the community
- Traveling by transit to explore other communities
- Meeting with friends, playing games or fun activities together
- Going bowling
- Going to other tourist attractions.

## How to Get Started

1. If you are already a client, contact your Program Assistant to ask about adding Respite & Recreation services to your current plan of care.

- Typically, this will also require you to contact your MCFD Social Worker to enquire about direct funded Respite.
- Alternatively, if you are paying privately for Respite & Recreation (or being reimbursed via extended At Health Program), your Program Assistant will discuss how to add this financial contribution to your existing budget so that everything runs smoothly.

2. If you are not yet a client, the best way to meet us is to complete our online form at:

[www.pivotpoint.ca/request-a-meeting](http://www.pivotpoint.ca/request-a-meeting).

This provides a confidential way to share your contact information so that the Manager in your area can call to set up a time to discuss service options with you.

Please note that fees are individualized and will be discussed at the information session.



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