

THE MONTHLY POINT

Pivot Point Newsletter



August: A Month of Diversity, Empowerment, and Kindness

At Pivot Point, we are dedicated to creating positive change in the lives of individuals and families through our specialized services. As we approach August, we recognize three significant global observances that align with our mission and values: **International Indigenous Peoples Day**, **International Youth Day**, and **World Humanitarian Day**. Each of these days highlights the importance of fostering a world that is kinder, more inclusive, and supportive of all individuals, especially those with unique needs.

On **August 9th**, International Indigenous Peoples Day celebrates the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Indigenous communities worldwide. At Pivot Point, we recognize the importance of honouring diversity and promoting inclusivity. We are committed to working collaboratively with Indigenous families, respecting their unique cultural perspectives, and ensuring that our services are accessible and culturally sensitive. By embracing diversity, we strengthen our collective ability to create positive change and build a more inclusive society.

On **August 12th** International Youth Day serves as a reminder of the incredible potential within our youth. At Pivot Point, we understand that every child, regardless of their abilities, deserves the opportunity to thrive and reach their fullest potential. Our tailored therapeutic services are designed to empower young people by addressing their specific needs, ensuring they can contribute meaningfully to their communities and the world. By recognizing and supporting the potential of our youth, we are investing in a brighter future for everyone.

World Humanitarian Day, observed on **August 19th**, reminds us of the power of compassion and kindness in making a difference. As an organization, Pivot Point is driven by the belief that every individual deserves care and support tailored to their needs. Our work is centered on making the world a little kinder and more caring for everyone, regardless of their circumstances.

Together, these observances underscore the importance of joining forces to create a more inclusive world. At Pivot Point, we remain committed to empowering individuals of all ages, celebrating diversity, and fostering a compassionate society where everyone is valued and supported. Through collaboration, empathy, and a shared vision, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve and contribute to a better future for all.

Pivot Point is a dedicated team of professionals with over 20 years extensive experience in supporting individuals with Autism and Diverse Abilities. [Our services](#) are client-centered, family-oriented, and evidence-based, drawing from Applied Behavior Analysis, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Family Counselling, Psychiatry, Neurofeedback, and other interventions as needed. All creating Positive Change!

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!

Meet Rachel Gerhardt, BSc., BA, MHS, MACP, Counsellor



We are thrilled to welcome our newest team member, Rachel, who joins us as a Counsellor for the Kamloops/Thompson Region.

Rachel is a passionate and dedicated Clinical Counsellor focused on taking a holistic approach to supporting clients in becoming the happier and healthier versions of themselves.

Summer's Not Over Yet — Join Our Summer Camps!

As we dive into August, remember that summer is still in full swing, and there's plenty of time to enjoy the excitement of our Summer Camps! We have camps available in Chilliwack, Cloverdale, Cranbrook, Prince George and Victoria. Whether you're looking for fun activities for your child or a chance to meet new friends, our camps have something for everyone.

Don't miss out — visit our [Group Activities](#) page and sign up today!



New this summer, we're thrilled to offer **Preschool Readiness** for ages 3-5 at our [Prince George](#) location. It's a fantastic opportunity for your little ones to prepare for the school year ahead!



For a full list of activities around the province, visit our [Calendar of Events](#) for In Person or Online activities in your community.

Early Support: Transforming the Learning Journey of Neurodiverse Children

Preparing autistic and neurodiverse children for preschool and kindergarten is invaluable for their developmental success and long-term learning experiences. Early intervention plays a crucial role in addressing the unique challenges these children may face, such as difficulty with social interactions, communication, and sensory processing. By starting early, we can equip them with essential skills that form the foundation for their future education.

One of the primary challenges in preparing these children for school is ensuring they receive tailored support that meets their individual needs. This might include specialized educational programs, therapies, and a nurturing environment that encourages social engagement and emotional development. Early preparation helps mitigate potential learning difficulties and allows these children to build confidence in their abilities.



The positive impact of early preparation is significant. Children who receive the necessary support from a young age often demonstrate improved social skills, increased self-esteem, and a greater ability to adapt to new environments. This [early intervention](#) sets the stage for a more inclusive and supportive learning journey, enhancing their academic performance and overall well-being. By investing in their early education, we can help autistic and neurodiverse children thrive, unlocking their potential and paving the way for a brighter future.

[Request a Meeting](#) with a Regional Manager today, for a complimentary consultation.