

# THE MONTHLY POINT

## ***Pivot Point Newsletter***



### **Parenting Gifted Children Week (July 20–26)**

At Pivot Point, we recognize that giftedness in neurodiverse children - including autistic youth - often presents with complexity, depth, and unique challenges. Gifted individuals may demonstrate advanced cognitive abilities while simultaneously navigating social, emotional, or sensory differences. This duality, often referred to as “twice-exceptional” (2e), can make parenting both deeply rewarding and uniquely demanding.

Giftedness doesn’t always look like high academic achievement. It may show up as creative problem-solving, intense curiosity, or deep focus on a topic of interest. But these strengths can be accompanied by heightened sensitivity, asynchronous development, or difficulties in traditional learning environments. This can be particularly true for autistic learners, whose unique communication styles or support needs may be overlooked when paired with high ability. For families, this means advocating for educational flexibility and emotional support - while also nurturing a child’s passions and confidence.

During Parenting Gifted Children Week, we stand with families who are navigating the exciting and often misunderstood landscape of [giftedness in neurodiverse youth](#). Supporting these children means recognizing their potential while understanding that their developmental paths are often non-linear. A child may be years ahead in one area while needing significant support in another. This disparity can lead to frustration, social isolation, or misdiagnosis if caregivers and professionals aren’t attuned to the whole picture.

Intentional collaboration between parents, educators, and support professionals is essential. Gifted neurodiverse children thrive in environments that allow them to explore their interests in depth while also addressing their individual challenges with compassion and respect. Creating space for both can help reduce anxiety, build resilience, and foster a stronger sense of self as they grow into their strengths.

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](mailto: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: Cindy Ann Miranda - HR Coordinator



Our Human Resources team is essential to our success, and this month we want to shine a spotlight on one of its cornerstones: our HR Coordinator, Cindy Miranda!

Cindy has been a vital force in helping build our amazing team as we continue our growth across the province.

Outside of the office, she recharges by hiking, exploring new places, and capturing the world through her camera lens.

We are so grateful for her commitment and the incredible impact she makes on our organization!

### Community Connection

Positive connections with community helpers like the Sheriff help neurodiverse youth feel safe, supported, and seen. Exploring the inside of a police cruiser turned curiosity into confidence, showing that safety can be approachable and engaging. Moments like these build trust and awareness that last far beyond the day.



Start the conversation today and explore how early [transition planning](#) supports lifelong success.

## National Disability Independence Day – July 27

National Disability Independence Day marks the anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990 - a major civil rights milestone for persons with disabilities. Although the ADA is U.S. legislation, this day invites all of us, including here in Canada, to reflect on what disability rights, access, and inclusion truly mean in daily life.

At Pivot Point, we recognize that independence is not a one-size-fits-all concept. For many neurodiverse and disabled individuals, including autistic children and youth, independence can mean having a voice in daily routines, accessing supports that promote self-expression, or developing life skills that foster autonomy in ways that feel authentic to them.

Independence isn't about doing everything alone, it's about having the right supports in place so individuals can participate meaningfully in the world around them. Whether learning to navigate social situations, finding adaptive solutions in school, or gaining confidence in decision-making, the goal is always self-determination guided by dignity.

This day also reminds us of the barriers, visible and invisible, that many individuals still face. From physical access and transportation to stigma and policy gaps, disability inclusion requires ongoing awareness, advocacy, and collaboration.

In Canada, this includes advancing policies such as the [Accessible Canada Act](#) and improving access to inclusive education, employment, and healthcare. It also means supporting caregivers, educators, and service providers who empower individuals to live fully and with purpose.

We recognize the continued need to ensure that all people, regardless of ability, are supported to lead fulfilling lives. As an agency, we remain committed to creating environments where individuals and families feel seen, respected, and empowered to pursue their version of independence.

Complete our [Intake form](#) for a Complimentary Consultation today!