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## **PPTRRC Quarterly Update** **April 2010**

This is a 'quarterly report' from the Office of the Provincial Paediatric Therapy Recruitment and Retention Coordinator (PPTRRC). The intent is that this update will increase awareness amongst stakeholders involved in paediatric therapy services in BC of the activities of this Office. Feel free to contact the Provincial Paediatric Therapy Recruitment and Retention Coordinator for further discussion or clarification regarding the content of this update. This is the fourth and final quarterly report for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

### **Main Initiatives:**

#### **Promoting Manageable Workloads**

- The PPTRRC is pleased to announce the availability of the newest version of our eLibrary. The project leader for this initiative, Christie Diamond, has done an outstanding job of compiling a wide variety of template forms, sample policies, family hand-outs and other resources. The eLibrary should improve the efficiency of therapists and agencies when the need arises to create a form, establish a policy, or look up a resource. The PPTRRC would like to sincerely thank Ms. Diamond for her hard work at creating what will prove to be a valuable resource for paediatric therapy stakeholders. Web support technician Richard Watt also deserves recognition for his ability to organize the materials and present them in a user-friendly format. Your feedback and comments on the eLibrary are valued, so be sure to utilize the feedback mechanism provided within the resource. Access the eLibrary by clicking on the 'Projects & Initiatives' link on the therapybc home page and select 'Promoting Manageable Workloads Project.' Here you will find the 'eLibrary Home' button that will take you to the resource. Here's a direct link: <http://www.therapybc.ca/eLibrary/>

#### **eLearning Initiatives**

- Rob Janke, UBC-Okanagan librarian, will be presenting a second session of his presentation on "Effective Literature Searching Strategies for Paediatric Therapists." Mr. Janke will share with us his '3 keys' to successful literature searching, and will then do some 'live-searching' through a couple of databases so all participants will be able to observe a research librarian in action. This session will occur on Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:15. Participants are requested to RSVP by emailing [consultant@therapybc.ca](mailto:consultant@therapybc.ca), subject line "webinar." Those that have RSVP'd will receive

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an email confirming registration with connection details by the end of April. This event is FREE, but limited to only 20 participants.

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- Please, make sure your colleagues and employees are registered in the therapybc database ([http://www.therapybc.ca/clinician\\_register.php](http://www.therapybc.ca/clinician_register.php)). Therapists who have registered their email information with the site and have chosen to receive updates from the PPTRRC will ensure they are informed of any new initiatives generated by this Office.

- Remember to check out the therapybc blog: <http://www.therapybc.ca/blog>

- The PPTRRC has added a Face Book Fan Page to provide some additional exposure to job postings on the site. Feel free to join! [TherapyBCFanPage](#)

- The therapybc website consistently receives more than 2,200 hits a month! It is advertised across Canada via professional association websites and newsletters, and is well positioned in the various search engines. In short, there is simply no better place to advertise your vacant paediatric therapist position!

### **Student Initiatives**

- The PPTRRC recently released the 'Clinical Educator Support Document' as an additional resource for clinical practicum supervisors working at agencies delivering paediatric therapy services. In addition, the PPTRRC would like to help facilitate more training/workshops from the UBC clinical coordinators for our BC therapy work force. ***If interested in a clinical educator workshop in your area, a webinar, videoconference and/or other opportunity to learn more about becoming a clinical educator please contact the PPTRRC.*** Identify the type of event/opportunity you would like to happen in your region and the PPTRRC will work with the UBC clinical coordinators to facilitate the event. Send me an email to [consultant@therapybc.ca](mailto:consultant@therapybc.ca) identifying the opportunity you are interested in, your region, and profession.

- The UBC OT/PT job fair is scheduled for June 3, 2010. The PPTRRC will be in attendance to represent agencies in BC delivering therapy services to children and youth with special needs. Last year there were several other agencies delivering paediatric services in attendance. If your agency would like to attend or would like more information please contact [ptotjobfair@gmail.com](mailto:ptotjobfair@gmail.com).

- The PPTRRC is at McMaster University for their OT/PT job fair April 20<sup>th</sup>. While in the area the PPTRRC has also arranged presentations to therapy students at the University of Toronto and at the University of Western Ontario.

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### **Upcoming Courses/Events**

Some great telehealth opportunities coming up such as “So You Think You Can Walk: Instrumented Gait Analysis and You,” and “Finally, It’s Justice for All.” Also, Lucy Jane Miller is in Vancouver to present on “Evidence-based Practice in Sensory Processing Disorder,” and there are still spots available for the Vicki Meade course “Partners in Movement: Best of Level 1 and Full Level 2” in Kelowna in June. There are several other opportunities as well. Thanks to all of you submitting events, and please keep them coming. See the Upcoming Events board on the therapybc homepage for a full list of events and registration details...act fast!

### **2010-2011 PPTRRC Work Plan**

The Steering Committee for the PPTRRC has an AGM on May 7<sup>th</sup>. This is when the 2010-2011 work plan for the upcoming year will be formulated. Many of you have some great ideas, so now is your chance to let the PPTRRC know! Phone 1.866.597.2547 or email [consultant@therapybc.ca](mailto:consultant@therapybc.ca) with your ideas for projects and/or initiatives you feel the Office should be working on that will contribute to the recruitment and retention of paediatric therapists in BC. If you haven’t already, please participate in the therapist survey regarding continuing education initiatives facilitated by the PPTRRC:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LKQTZZ2>