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## CANUCKS AUTISM NETWORK TO BRING VITAL AUTISM TRAINING TO NORTHERN BC



In an effort to increase capacity for supporting individuals with autism, Canucks Autism Network (CAN) is returning to Northern BC to provide autism training to key groups in the community. CAN's training tour will take place from February 5<sup>th</sup> to February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, with six scheduled workshops in Kitimat, Terrace, and Prince Rupert.

The goal of the training tour is to share knowledge and proven strategies for supporting individuals with autism in the classroom, home, and community settings. In addition, first responders will be provided with crucial training that will help to identify autism in order to safely and effectively respond to situations that arise involving individuals on the spectrum.

Canucks Autism Network's VP of Programs and Training, Dr. Stephanie Jull, PhD, BCBA-D, will be the workshop presenter, bringing with her over 10 years' experience teaching staff in home, school, and community settings to provide effective support to individuals on the autism spectrum. After visiting communities in Northern BC last May, this year's series of workshops marks the second consecutive year CAN has embarked on this tour.

“We are thrilled to be returning to the North to help build capacity for supporting individuals with autism in various community settings,” said Canucks Autism Network VP of Programs and Training, Stephanie Jull, PhD, BCBA-D. “We are grateful for the support provided by local sponsors in each community, including Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82, Friendship House Association of Prince Rupert, Kitimat Disability Resources, Ministry of Family and Child Development, Prince Rupert School District 52, Unifor, and Unique Creations.”

The training tour will take place in the following locations on the dates listed below:

- **Monday, February 5 (6:30-9:00 p.m.) at Kitimat General Hospital**  
*Autism Supports for Home and Community Settings*
- **Tuesday, February 6 (1:00-4:00 pm) at Northwest Community College Long House (Terrace)**  
*Intro to Autism and Support Strategies*
- **Tuesday, February 6 (7:00-9:00 pm) at Northwest Community College Long House (Terrace)**  
*Intro to Autism and Supports for First Responders in Crisis Situations*
- **Wednesday, February 7 (6:30-8:30 pm) at Charles Hays Secondary School (Prince Rupert)**  
*Autism Supports for Home, School and Community Settings*
- **Thursday, February 8 (6:30-8:00 pm) at Kitimat General Hospital**  
*Intro to Autism and Supports for First Responders in Crisis Situations*
- **Friday, February 9 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) at Kildala Elementary School (Kitimat)**  
*Autism Support Strategies for the Classroom*

Training will cover such topics as:

- Autism 101: Challenges faced by individuals with autism in community settings
- Communication Tips
- Teaching/Coaching Tools
- Motivation and Behaviour Support Strategies
- Tips for Successful Inclusion

In addition to the training, attendees will be provided with free access to valuable resources including tip sheets, video models, and downloadable visual supports.

For registration information, please visit [canucksautism.ca/northerntour](http://canucksautism.ca/northerntour).

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**About Canucks Autism Network**

Founded in 2008 by Vancouver Canucks Co-owners, Paolo and Clara Aquilini, the Canucks Autism

Network (CAN) provides year-round sports and recreation programs for individuals and families living with autism, while increasing awareness and providing training in communities across British Columbia.