

# Resources for Parents and Carers of Children with Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)

### **General Information and Resources:**

PDA Society Webpage: Find information, tools, strategies, stories and more on PDA.

<u>AutismBC:</u> Find information and contact information for local providers and organizations that specialize in autism.

## **Comox Valley Resources**

<u>Tree House Therapy</u>: Art and play based therapy for neurodivergent toddlers, kids and teens with ASD, ADHD, ODD, OCD, PDA, SPD, anxiety, and depression.

• Contact via phone: 778-647-2440 or email: <a href="mailto:hello@treehousetherapy.ca">hello@treehousetherapy.ca</a>

<u>Comox Valley Child Development Association (CVCDA)</u>: Reach out to get supports from <u>The</u>

Autism Program (TAP). Connect with April Statz to get started with any of the CVCDA services.

• Contact April via phone: 250-338-4288 or email: april@cvcda.ca

<u>The Motherload: Family Sleep Specialist:</u> Suzanne Gunn provides specialist sleep support for PDA, autistic, and ADHD families.

Contact Suzanne via email: <a href="mailto:familysleepspecialist@gmail.com">familysleepspecialist@gmail.com</a>

### **Hear from Other Parents:**

<u>AutismBC</u>: Hear from other parents about the next steps after your child is diagnosed with autism.

The PDA Space: Learn about PDA, parent experiences, available workshops, and resources.

<u>Intune Pathways</u>: An exploration of autistic identity, culture, and family. Kristy Forbes is an Australian based autism & neurodiversity support specialist with experience working with clients both nationally and internationally. She has a special interest in PDA related trauma and

burnout and works with individuals and families in private consultation, programs, speaking and writing.

<u>Low Demand Amanda</u>: Amanda Diekman, author of the book Low Demand Parenting, is a late diagnosed autistic adult, and a leading voice in the neurodiversity parenting movement offering deep wisdom and innovative insight into the realities of parenting uniquely wired children.

<u>@ Peace Parents</u>: Casey Ehrlich, Ph.D., can give you the tools and strategies you need to support a PDA child or child with a hyper-sensitive threat response.

## **Funding:**

<u>Province of British Columbia</u>: Learn how you can access funding to support your child with autism through the Government of BC.

<u>Variety Children's Charity</u>: Apply for funding to cover a private autism assessment for your child under 19 years of age.