



# Port Alberni Association for Community Living

## PAACL NEWS



Angela has been working for PAACL for 11 years. In that time, she has brought her kind spirit into the Infant Development Program (IDP), and has helped many families and their children in those important formative years. Here she can be seen with her puppet, Moppi the dog. Moppi is part of a puppeteer ensemble that plays bedtime greetings and other children's programs in Germany on television. His character is good-natured, with a sense of coziness and an appreciation for the beautiful side of life.

Playing with puppets benefits a child's development in the early learning years. The puppet becomes the instructor and children often enjoy listening to the puppet teach skills such as socializing. Angela says Moppi played a role in her childhood and has continued to do so in her grandchildren's lives. Angela is excited to continue Moppi the dog's journey in her IDP counselling role.

Gwynne has been working for PAACL for three years in the Personalized Supports Initiative program. She has been an integral part of the PSI Nanaimo team, and has worked hard to improve the lives of the people she works with. One of the ways she has achieved this is through the crafting events she helps to plan and facilitate about once a month. These events help people to broaden their social circles, express themselves, and explore new mediums.

"I feel good about what they are getting out of [the events]. I feel like I am contributing to the welfare of the people in my community, and I feel proud and delighted by the results and how it impacts others. These events, and my role as a Support Worker, give me a sense of value and a sense of contribution. I get to give back to my community, and I feel more valuable than I did in the past as just a citizen. I didn't know coming into this role just how wonderful that would feel. It spreads joy."



*Do you enjoy the satisfaction of helping others achieve their goals? Are you unable to resist the contagious smiles that spread across the face of someone who has beaten the odds? If you are passionate about making a positive impact in the lives of others then a career with PAACL may be for you!*

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