

## Do you have a family law case involving a child?

## How will the child be heard?

## We can help!



The **BC Hear the Child Society** is a non-profit society formed in late 2009 to support opportunities for children to share their views and be heard when their best interests are being determined in family justice decision-making.

The Society builds on past work in the Province including that of the **International Institute for Child Rights and Development (IICRD)** on **Meaningful Child Participation in Family Justice Processes**.

A **Hear the Child** report is a direct record of the child's stated views or desire. It is non-evaluative. It is neither an expert report nor an expert opinion; and thus differs from a **Views of the Child** report.

One of the original goals of the BC Hear the Child Society was to establish a roster of neutral child interviewers trained to listen to children and assist families and decision-makers. Roster members conduct non-evaluative child interviews and prepare **Hear the Child** reports for consideration when a child's best interests are being determined in family justice proceedings.

BC Hear the Child Society Roster members do not replace assessors or mental health professionals. Rather, they provide a basic service to support every child's right to have an opportunity to be heard.

### Child Interviewer Roster - Victoria

### How can you hear the child's views?

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These neutral professional interviewers listen to children in family law cases so the child's views are heard by adults making decisions about the child's best interests.

For more information, please contact a child interviewer or visit [www.hearthechild.ca](http://www.hearthechild.ca) for full provincial listings.

