

## 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.

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, an expert opinion nor an assessment; and thus differs from s. 211 reports.

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

Hear the Child reports may be ordered under s. 202(b) of the *Family Law Act*, or under s. 224(1)(b), as a specified service. If a Hear the Child report has already been prepared, it can be admitted to the court under s. 202(a) of the *Act*.

One of the original goals of the Society was to establish a roster of neutral child interviewers trained to listen to children and assist families and decision-makers. Our 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.

## Child Interviewer Roster - Vancouver Island

## 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.

