

**Private Speech Therapy
Services for
Victoria/Vancouver
Island
2019 Directory**

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Vancouver Island Speech-Language Pathologists in Private Practice Directory 2019

The Vancouver Island Speech-Language Pathologists in Private Practice is a professional organization of clinicians in Greater Victoria and other Vancouver Island locations. All members of VISLP-PP have the required registration with the *College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of BC* (www.cshhpbcc.org). Registration may be indicated by the credential “Registered Speech-Language Pathologist”, or “RSLP”. Please see individual member listings for other voluntary professional certifications and affiliations.

Speech and language services provided by members include therapy for stuttering, voice problems, articulation, language, swallowing disorders, cognitive-communication problems, and augmentative communication. Help with English as an additional language and foreign accent reduction is also available. Services may include screening, assessment, consultation, treatment, presentations, and workshops. Feel free to make additional copies of this Directory as needed or contact anyone listed in the Directory.

Why choose a private speech-language pathologist?

Private speech-language pathologists offer an alternative to, or may be used in cooperation with, the government-funded speech-language pathology services provided by child development centres, schools, health units, and hospitals.

- Service is accessible to everyone, and there is no waiting list.
- Clients are able to interview and select the therapist of their choice.
- Therapy programs and schedules are flexible and designed to fit clients’ needs.

Are costs covered?

Insurance coverage for speech therapy is included in many extended health insurance policies. The amount of coverage varies depending on the policy and the insurance company. Private speech and language therapy fees are not covered by the Medical Services Plan of British Columbia. Funding for speech and language therapy is available, in some cases, through government programs and private agencies.

For further information about speech and language disorders, services, or funding, feel free to contact any of the members listed in the Directory or visit the websites below.

Speech and Hearing BC <http://speechandhearingbc.ca/>

Speech-Language and Audiology Canada www.sac-oac.ca

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association www.asha.org

Contact Information	Background and Services Provided
<p>Camille Traverse, M.Sc. SLP, RSLP Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19, 19 years + Phone: 250-661-7189 Address: 3047 Washington Ave, Victoria BC Email: traverse.camille@gmail.com</p>	<p>I have 10 years of experience working in early intervention, public schools, hospitals and private practice in Canada, Chile, India and Nepal. I provide therapy in English, French & Spanish and am passionate about supporting people of all ages to achieve their communication potential and improve their social quality of life. Past accomplishments include the successful running of a pilot voice treatment protocol for adults with Parkinson's disease in Santiago, Chile and development of an intensive outpatient rehab program at a major regional hospital. Areas of interest include: AAC, apraxia, voice in Parkinson's Disease, articulation and phonology, multilingual language acquisition. I am LSVT trained and Hanen certified. I currently work part time in the Victoria School District.</p>
<p>Susan Edwards, M.Sc., RSLP Age Groups Served: 19 years + (voice therapy all ages) Phone: (250) 516-1964 Address: 2574 MacDonald Dr. W. Victoria BC V8N 1X8 Email: flowspeech@gmail.com Website: www.flowspeech.ca</p>	<p>Voice therapy and communication skills related to stroke, brain injury, Parkinson's, and dementia are my focus.</p> <p>Extra qualifications include: LSVT-Loud certification, Manual and Postural Therapy for muscle misuse voice problems, and Voicecraft. Services are available in my home office or in the community. Caregiver and community worker participation is encouraged and supported.</p>
<p>Kyla Zachary, M.Sc., RSLP Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19 years Phone: (250) 652-3395 Address: 7992 Galbraith Cr. Saanichton BC, V8M 1K7 Email: kydzslp@gmail.com</p>	<p>I spent the first part of my career (13 years) working in the Early Intervention Program at Queen Alexandra. Now in private practice, I provide in-home therapy services to children and youth. I am a Registered Autism Service Provider and a Self-Reg Consultant (www.self-reg.ca).</p>

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<p>Communicate: Speech & Language Services Jane McMullin, M.A., CCC-SLP, RSLP</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 3-6, 6-19, 19 years + Phone: 250-744-6379 Address: 202-510 Marsett Place, Victoria BC V8Z 7J1 Email: jane.mcmullin24@gmail.com</p>	<p>I have enjoyed my work as a speech-language pathologist for more than 30 years, and have supported both children and adults with a wide range of communication needs. My particular areas of interest include: speech sound disorders, including apraxia; phonological processing/literacy learning difficulties, language learning delays and disorders, stuttering, and accent reduction. I have specific experience with Fast ForWord and Reading Assistant, the Lidcombe and Camperdown Programs for stuttering intervention, and the Compton P-ESL Program for accent reduction. Assessment and intervention services are provided.</p>
<p>CONNECT: Speech and Language Services</p> <p>Amy Makaroff, MSc, RSLP</p> <p>Age Groups Served: All age groups Phone: 250-882-6994 Address: 1166 Lockley Rd, Esquimalt BC Email: amy@connectspeechandlanguage.com</p>	<p>Do you or someone you know have difficulties communicating? Connect is here to help.</p> <p>Our focus is empowering our clients to achieve their goals through personalized therapy. Programming is built on the client's strengths and coaching the client's support networks to ensure the client is fully supported.</p> <p>We offer a full range of services. Therapy sessions are client centred and goal driven to achieve the best possible outcome.</p> <p>We are conveniently located in Esquimalt.</p> <p>Registered with the College of SHHP of BC, certified by SAC, member of Speech and Hearing BC, Registered Autism Service Provider (RASP).</p>
<p>Laura Rideout, M.H.Sc., RSLP</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19, 19 years + Phone: 250-743-3948 Address: 2502 Mill Bay Road, Mill Bay, BC Email: alrideout@shaw.ca</p>	<p>I have more than 28 years of experience working with all ages for speech and language difficulties which include articulation, phonological disorders, childhood apraxia of speech, expressive language, language comprehension, literacy skills, aphasia, dysarthria, voice, and stuttering. My experience includes working in a public health unit, school district and private practice. I am certified to teach Compton Pronouncing English as a Second Language (P-ESL) Program for Foreign Accent Reduction. My services include assessment, individual therapy, and consultation.</p>

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<p>Jana O'Connor, MSc, RSLP Age Groups Served: 0-6 years, 6-19 years Phone: 250-588-8747 Address: 1120 Tattersall Drive, Victoria BC Email: jana@sayitslp.com Website: www.sayitslp.com</p>	<p>I have experience working with preschool and school-age children with a variety of communication challenges (including speech sound difficulties, language delays, social communication impairments, and stuttering). I provide speech and language services in my clients' homes and strive to coach parents in how to support their child's speech and language development through play and other daily activities. I believe that communication should be fun! If your child is having difficulty communicating, you don't have to wait it out. Call me for a free 15 minute phone consultation or visit my website for more information.</p>
<p>Gail Poole, MA, MSc, LLB, RSLP Age Groups Served: 19 years + Phone: (250) 386-3349 Address: 10 Moss Street, Victoria BC, V8V4L8 Email: gail_poole@telus.net</p>	<p>I have more than 25 years of experience working as a Speech Language Pathologist with adults. I assess and treat adults who have impairment in: swallowing ability (<i>dysphagia</i>), expressive or receptive language (<i>aphasia</i>), or speech production (<i>apraxia</i> and <i>dysarthria</i>) resulting from neurological disorders, such as traumatic brain injury, stroke, and Parkinsons. I have specialty training in LOUD treatment.</p> <p>I also see clients with voice disorders, as well as individuals who wish to reduce their accent.</p>
<p>Lisa Dymond, M.Sc., RSLP Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19, 19+ years, seniors Phone: (250) 686-3529 Address: 2440 Galland Road, Shawnigan Lake, BC V0R 2W2 Email: LisaDymondSLP@gmail.com</p>	<p>I have more than 20 years of experience working with all ages for speech and language difficulties which include articulation, phonological disorders, childhood apraxia of speech, expressive language, language comprehension, dysarthria, voice, stuttering, feeding & swallowing assessment & diagnostic therapy, aphasia, brain injury & executive functioning. I hold membership in SAC & Speech and Hearing BC, with licensure through the College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of BC. My experience includes working At BC Children's Hospital on the craniofacial/cleft palate team, Sunny Hill Health Center for Children on the feeding & swallowing team, & the assistive technology team, the Child Development Centre in the Yukon, school districts in the Yukon and B.C., & in private practice. I am registered on the Registered Autism Service Providers list & trained in Reference and Regulate for Autism™. I have trained in Dynamic Assessment for Young Children with Dr. David Tzuriel & the Learning Propensity Assessment Device through the Feuerstein Institute, both complementary ways to characterize a person's learning and supplement standardized language assessment. A deep understanding of attachment theory, play, trauma & neuroplasticity inform my practice and my relationships with families & clients. I often apply visual coaching methods to enhance multi-modal learning. My services include screening, assessment, therapy, consultation & training teams/staff in tier 1 service delivery, to support the Response to Intervention model, and online work with clients through telepractice. I love my work with a deep sense of gratitude. Facebook Business Page: @LisaDymondSLP.VisualCoach</p>

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<p>ACCESS Speech-Language Services Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19, 19 years + Phone: 250-474-6368 Address: 863 Cuaulta Cresc, Victoria BC Email: info@end-dyslexia.com Website: www.end-dyslexia.com</p>	<p>Does your child have difficulty reading? ACCESS Speech-Language Services helps children with dyslexia become proficient readers. Our programs are scientifically proven to bring slow readers up to speed quickly and to improve a child’s ability to learn. We address the root cause of dyslexia. By improving core cognitive skills like memory, attention, sequencing and processing speed, we can help your child overcome dyslexia for good and gain reading abilities on a par with his or her peers.</p>
<p>Abby Brooks MSc., RSLP Age Groups Served: All age groups Phone: 250-891-3385 Email: voicespeechlanguage@yahoo.com Website: www.voicespeechlanguage.com</p>	<p>I have extensive experience working with children and adults in a wide range of speech and language needs. Areas of interests include: speech sound disorders, apraxia, stuttering, language delay, voice therapy and accent reduction. I work part-time in a school district.</p> <p>Extra qualifications include: The Lidcombe Program- childhood stuttering, LMRVT-resonant voice therapy and Changing Keys-voice feminization.</p> <p>I offer services in-person within the Sidney and Greater Victoria area and I offer telepractice. When appropriate, therapy can be done online to increase accessibility for families who live in more remote areas or who have limited transportation.</p>
<p>Mette N. Lockwood, M.A., RSLP Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19, 19 years +, seniors Phone: 250-514-1521 Address: 4870 Cordova Bay Rd, Victoria BC , V8Y 2J5 Email: mettelockwood@hotmail.com Website: www.wiseinsights.ca</p>	<p>Over 25 years of experience working with pre-schoolers, school-aged and seniors with speech, language, and communication challenges. Treatment and consultation for language comprehension and expression, reading, writing, social communication, articulation, apraxia, stuttering, cognitive difficulties: attention, memory, problem solving, and stroke/aphasia. Focus is to develop the child’s speech-language skills for school and social success. Assessment, therapy and consultation services provided. Affiliations: certified by SAC and ASHA, member of Speech and Hearing BC and Registered Autism Service Provider. For more information, please visit my website.</p>

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<p>Victoria Speech & Language Centre Carla Willock, M.Sc., RSLP & Associates Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19, 19 years +, seniors Phone: 1-778-835-9549 Address: 2 locations: 1) 220-4243 Glanford Ave, Victoria 2) 106-310 Wale Rd, Colwood Email: info@victoriaspeechlanguage.ca Website: www.victoriaspeechlanguage.ca</p>	<p>Our 2 new bright multi-room centres on Glanford Ave in Victoria and on Wale rd in Colwood provides a stimulating and fun environment for preschool, school-age children, teens and adults who present with speech, language, and communication challenges, including stuttering. We believe in family-centred practice while coaching parents to continue incorporating their child’s speech and language goals into everyday life. We have extensive experience working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and are on the Registered Autism Service Providers (RASP) list. We also run social communication groups for children and teens with social learning challenges. We also have experience working with adults with acquired communication and swallowing disorders. Saturday appointments available. We offer free phone or in-person consultations. For more information, please visit our website: www.victoriaspeechlanguage.ca</p>
<p>Karen Ursel, MSc., RSLP Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19 Phone: 250-891-4649 Address: 3497 Lovat Ave. Victoria BC Email: kcursel@gmail.com Website: www.cherrytreespeech.ca</p>	<p>My experience working with pre-school and school-age children has been in the public health system, child development centres, schools and in private practice. Children who present with speech, language, and communication challenges, including language delay/disability, articulation difficulties and social communication issues are provided with fun and interactive therapy activities to help them reach their potential as communicators. Parent involvement is encouraged. Please call or email for more information.</p>
<p>Nathan Giesbrecht, M.Sc., RSLP Playing with Words SLP Services Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19 Phone: 250-580-5511 Address: 1061 Laburnum Road, Victoria BC Email: playingwithwordsslp@gmail.com</p>	<p>I am a father of five teenagers, a musician, and a lover of outdoors, mushroom foraging, fishing and hunting. I am a fan of the DIR/Floortime approach, believing that relationship is the basis for understanding all communication. I have a particular expertise in phonetics (not phonics) and phonology, having developed a system for supporting phonological processing skills even very early in development, including apraxia of speech. I have 14 years of experience working with both preschool and school-age children. My preference is to build capacity in the community children live in by collaboration. I am a Registered Autism Service Provider, and I do home visits.</p>

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<p>Sue Decker, M.Sc., RSLP Age Groups Served: 19 years + Phone: 778-678-3141 Address: #202, 1436 Harrison St. Victoria, BC V8S 3S2 Email: suedeckerslp@gmail.com</p>	<p>I am passionate about helping adults with speech and language disabilities to communicate as successfully as possible with the people around them. I work with clients in their home or community environment and focus on functional needs related to aphasia, dysarthria, apraxia, dementia, stuttering, and voice concerns. During my 25+ years as an SLP, I have developed many innovative programs and served as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta. I am certified in Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (LSVT-Loud). For more information, please go to: https://speechandhearingbc.ca/private/?uid=430</p>
<p>Lauren Smith, M.Sc., RSLP LS Speech & Language Services Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19 Phone: 250-704-4447 Address: #320, 1095 McKenzie Ave., Victoria BC V8P 2L5 Email: lauren.slpservices@gmail.com Website: www.slpservices.ca</p>	<p>I have more than 30 years of experience working with preschool and school-age children who present with speech, language, and communication challenges, including language delay/disability, apraxia, articulation/phonological difficulties, social thinking challenges, and stuttering. I work closely with family members and educators to meet the child's needs for school and social success. Each therapy session will be designed to be as fun and engaging as possible while still meeting the individual needs of your child. A home-support program is provided to encourage carry-over of each goal. I am a Registered Autism Service Provider, Certified Autism Specialist, and Clinical Instructor for UBC. For more information, please visit my website.</p>
<p>Veronica Verigin, RSLP Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19 Phone: 250-858-5602 Address: 1540 Winchester Road, Victoria BC Email: veronicaveriginslp@gmail.com</p>	<p>I have worked with preschoolers, children and teenagers both privately and in the school district. I have worked with clients and families to improve articulation, language, social skills, fluency, and word finding abilities. I enjoy helping families implement augmentative and alternative communication systems for those who need some extra assistance learning to communicate. I also work with children who are picky eaters or who have problems with feeding and swallowing to improve their abilities to eat and participate at mealtimes. <i>*Please note: I am on maternity leave until April 2019*</i></p>

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<p align="center">Pathways Therapy Services</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19 years</p> <p>Phone: 778 679-2170</p> <p>Address: 2681 Leggett Lane</p> <p>Email: slp@pathwaysts.com</p> <p>Website: www.pathwaysts.com</p>	<p>Our focus is on building communication skills for everyday life. We accomplish this by providing service at our client's homes, schools and recreation centers.</p> <p>The children we work with experience communication challenges related to autism, speech delay disorders, and language and literacy impairments.</p> <p>Does your child experience challenges in any of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● pronouncing sounds or speech ● understanding and communicating with words or sentences ● meeting developmental milestones ● making friends or participating in groups <p>We encourage you to contact us. We're here to help!</p>
<p>Nomi Kaston, M.Sc., RSLP</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19, 19 years +</p> <p>Phone: 250-217-8123</p> <p>Address: 1901 Wenman Drive, Victoria BC V8N 2P9</p> <p>Email: nomikaston@gmail.com</p> <p>Website: www.speechvictoria.com</p>	<p>Having earned my Master of Science Degree at McGill University, I have helped many children, adolescents and adults with Speech and Language Delay, Autism Spectrum Disorders including Aspergers Syndrome, Stuttering, Voice Problems, Aphasia, Dyspraxia, Learning Disabilities, Literacy, Interpersonal Communication and Speaking with Confidence. I have special expertise in Augmentative and Alternative Communication and in the use of technology such as the iPad to enhance interaction. In your home or in my relaxed clinic setting, I provide a playful and yet focused therapy experience.</p>
<p>Tamara Lister, M.Sc. RSLP</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19 years</p> <p>Phone: 778.677.4400</p> <p>Address: 100 Saghalie Road, Victoria</p> <p>Email: tamara.lister@gmail.com</p> <p>Website: www.facebook.com/VictoriaSpeechTherapy</p>	<p>Supporting children and their families so they can maximize their communication potential while having fun. Speech and language therapy, and auditory (re)habilitation provided in your home. Services include developmental screening, comprehensive assessment, prioritizing goals and family centered therapy. Experience working as a therapist, educational consultant, lecturer, researcher and subject-matter expert. Special interests include language development, sign language, bilingualism, and hearing loss. Registered with the College of SHHP of BC, certified by SAC, member of Speech and Hearing BC, clinical instructor at UBC. Please call for a telephone consultation.</p>

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<p>Simon McVaugh-Smock, MHSc., RSLP, CCC-SLP</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 6-19, 19 years +</p> <p>Phone: 250-704-1046</p> <p>Address: 1030 Iris Ave, Victoria BC V8Z 2N7</p> <p>Email: simonslp@shaw.ca</p> <p>Website: www.simonslp.com</p>	<p>Assessment, therapy, consultation and education regarding speech, language and swallowing impairments. Services focus on client autonomy, optimized functionality and quality of life. 16 years professional experience in settings including acute care hospitals, rehabilitation centres, medical and orthodontic offices and private homes.</p> <p>CERTIFICATIONS: ASHA, SAC, Speech and Hearing BC, CSHHPBC.</p> <p>ADVANCED COMPETENCY CERTIFICATIONS: Voice Restoration (Tracheostomy tubes); Videofluoroscopic Assessment of Adult Swallowing; Videofluoroscopic Assessment of Pediatric Swallowing; Fiber Endoscopic Evaluation and Management of Swallowing Disorders</p>
<p>Alison Bullock, MSLP, RSLP</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19</p> <p>Phone: 250 514-6208</p> <p>Address: 3761 Savannah Ave, Victoria BC V8X 1T3</p> <p>Email: albullock@shaw.ca</p>	<p>I have more than 20 years of experience working with children who present with speech, language, and communication challenges, including language delay/disability, articulation difficulties, and social skills. I work closely with family members and educators to meet the child's needs for school and social success.</p>
<p>Katherine Crossley, M.Sc.A., R.SLP</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 6-19</p> <p>Phone: 778-533-1222</p> <p>Address: 2315 Wark St Victoria BC V8T 4G5</p> <p>Email: kat.crossley@gmail.com</p>	<p>Helping and supporting school-aged children is my primary focus as a Private SLP. In both the private and public sector I love working with children and their families to help them reach their full communication potential, empowering them with tools and games so they can have fun along the way. My areas of expertise include children who have severe speech sound disorders, Childhood Apraxia of Speech or those who use Alternative Augmentative Communication.</p> <p>I would be happy to come your home, provided you are within a 15-minute drive from downtown Victoria. Please contact me by phone or email for more information.</p>

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<p>Del Nyberg, M.A., RSLP</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19 years</p> <p>Phone: 250-652-3984</p> <p>Address: 1171 Lucille Drive Brentwood Bay BC</p> <p>Email: dnyberg@telus.net</p>	<p>Over 15 years' experience in clinical screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intensive intervention of complex communication disorders. Specialize in communication disorders in typically developing children and youth whose speech is very different from their peers, may draw negative attention, or may cause them problems in being understood by others. Plan and provide individualized intensive therapy at a time that suits your schedule. Train and educate parents/caregivers for best communication with their child at home, with extended family, and in the community.</p>
<p>Kim Beerman, MSLP RSLP (C)</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 5-19, 19 years +</p> <p>Phone: 778-971-6572</p> <p>Address: 114 Kian Pl, Nanaimo, BC</p> <p>Email: soundwavestherapy@gmail.com</p> <p>Website: In creation</p>	<p>Kim is a registered Speech Language Pathologist Located in Nanaimo, BC. She runs a small private practice that provides voice and speech therapy to individuals on Central Vancouver Island.</p> <p>CURRENT SERVICES:</p> <p>Children (5-18)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speech therapy Fluency/ Stuttering therapy Voice therapy <p>Adults (18+)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice Therapy Aphasia Therapy Apraxia therapy Dysarthria therapy <p>For more info, or if you have any questions please contact me.</p>