

**Private Speech Therapy
Services for
Victoria/Vancouver
Island
2020 Directory**

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Vancouver Island Speech-Language Pathologists in Private Practice Directory 2020

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* (<https://www.cshbc.ca/>). 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>Del Nyberg, M.A., RSLP Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19 years Phone: 250-896-0876 Address: 1171 Lucille Drive Brentwood Bay BC Email: delnyberg@gmail.com Website: www.delnyberg.com</p>	<p>Nearly 20 years' experience testing, diagnosing, and treating speech and language problems. With advanced training in orofacial myology, Del provides speech therapy and "tongue thrust" therapy. Therapy for orofacial myofunctional disorders ("tongue thrust") often helps correction of speech sounds that have been resistant to traditional speech therapy methods. Del works with orthodontists and dentists to help clients with tongue and lip resting postures, mouth breathing, tongue thrust, freeway space, and habits, such as, thumb/finger sucking and nail biting. Del works closely with parents and caregivers to help them work towards their goals for their child.</p>
<p>Katherine Crossley, M.Sc.A., R.SLP Age Groups Served: 6-19 Phone: 778-533-1222 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 to your home, provided you are within a 15-minute drive from downtown Victoria. Please contact me by phone or email for more information.</p> <p>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</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>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</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 Website: www.speechcarevictoria.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>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</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, and member of Speech and Hearing BC. For more information, please visit my website.</p> <p>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</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.</p> <p>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice. <i>Note: Not available for services from June 2020 - August 2021 due to maternity leave.</i></p>

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<p>Susan Edwards, M.Sc., RSLP</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 19 years + (voice therapy all ages)</p> <p>Phone: (250) 516-1964</p> <p>Address: 2574 MacDonald Dr. W. Victoria BC V8N 1X8</p> <p>Email: flowspeech@gmail.com</p> <p>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>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</p>
<p>CONNECT: Speech and Language Services</p> <p>Amy Makaroff, MSc, RSLP</p> <p>Age Groups Served: All age groups</p> <p>Phone: 250-882-6994</p> <p>Address: 1006 Russell St, Victoria, BC</p> <p>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>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</p>
<p>Karen Ursel, MSc., RSLP</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19</p> <p>Phone: 250-891-4649</p> <p>Address: 3497 Lovat Ave. Victoria BC</p> <p>Email: kcursel@gmail.com</p> <p>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>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</p>

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<p>Kyla Zachary, M.Sc., RSLP</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19 years</p> <p>Phone: (250) 652-3395</p> <p>Address: 7992 Galbraith Cr. Saanichton BC, V8M 1K7</p> <p>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> <p>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</p>
<p>Victoria Speech & Language Centre</p> <p>Carla Willock, M.Sc., RSLP & Associates</p> <p>Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19, 19 years +, seniors</p> <p>Phone: 1-250-590-7841</p> <p>Address: 2 locations: 1) 220-4243 Glanford Ave, Victoria 2) 106-310 Wale Rd, Colwood</p> <p>Email: info@victoriaspeechlanguage.ca</p> <p>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. Now offering More Than Words® — The Hanen Program® for Parents of Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder or Social Communication Difficulties via teletherapy. Saturday appointments available. We offer free phone or in-person consultations. For more information, please visit our website: www.victoriaspeechlanguage.ca</p> <p>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</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) Speech therapy, Fluency/ Stuttering therapy, Voice therapy</p> <p>Adults (18+) Voice Therapy, Aphasia Therapy, Apraxia therapy, Dysarthria therapy</p> <p>For more info, or if you have any questions please contact me.</p> <p>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</p>

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<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>Pathways Therapy Services Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19 years, 19+ years Phone: 778 679-2170 Addresses: 1) 2681 Leggett Lane 2) 2612 Sooke Rd 3) 1038 Hillside Rd Email: slp@pathwaysts.com 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, our Victoria and Langford locations and online.</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>✓ Delivering telepractice services since 2015. Ask about our comprehensive assessment and therapy options.</p>
<p>Tamara Lister, M.Sc. RSLP Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19 years Phone: 778.677.4400 Address: 100 Saghale Road, Victoria Email: tamara.lister@gmail.com 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>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 Tzurriel & 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> <p>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</p>
<p>Alison Bullock, MSLP, RSLP Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19 Phone: 250 514-6208 Address: 3761 Savannah Ave, Victoria BC V8X 1T3 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>

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<p>Communicate: Speech & Language Services Jane McMullin, M.A., CCC-SLP, RSLP 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>Island Kids Speech and Language Services Sonya White, M.Cl.Sc., RSLP Age Groups Served: 0-6; 6-19 Address: 1118 Tolmie Avenue, Victoria, BC Phone: 250-464-4033 Email: islandkidsslp@gmail.com</p>	<p>Strong communication skills promote healthy, positive relationships. For this reason, all of the work that I do clinically is driven by the desire to support children's success as they interact with peers and family members. I provide a variety of clinical services to children and families, including screening, assessment, and therapeutic intervention. I have worked previously as an early intervention clinician at a child development centre in northern BC. I also have experience working with school-age children. My approach is to build on a child's natural interests and strengths so that our therapeutic work is productive and joyful. I have experience assessing and treating across all areas of communication (language, speech, pre-literacy, play, social communication, fluency, etc.). I am currently providing services in client homes and/or other agreed-upon spaces. Travel that exceeds a 10-minute drive from my home office will be billed at half rate. Please call or email me if you would like to discuss access to services. I am happy to provide information about local organizations and programmes that provide financial support to families in need of private services.</p> <p>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</p>
<p>Laura Rideout, M.H.Sc., RSLP 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> <p>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</p>

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<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>
<p>ACCESS Speech-Language Services Age Groups Served: 0-6, 6-19, 19 years + Phone: 250-474-6368 Addresses: 1) 863 Cuaulta Cresc, Victoria BC 2) 2874 Haslam Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9X 1T1 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. Access Speech-Language Services provides highly effective, evidence-based on-line therapy programs to develop language, literacy and cognitive skills. I provide in-person services in the Greater Victoria and the Nanaimo Regional District areas. I also provide Telehealth services to any location with reliable internet.</p> <p>✓ Currently offering services via telepractice.</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>

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<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>✔ Currently offering services via telepractice.</p>
<p>Thyra Driver, M.Sc., RSLP</p> <p>Age groups served: all ages</p> <p>Phone: 604-679-1604</p> <p>Location: Salt Spring Island, BC</p> <p>Email: speechcombers@gmail.com</p> <p>Website: speechcombers.wordpress.com</p>	<p>I have experience working with children and adults who communicate in many ways, and I truly enjoy working with families to figure out how to best support communication skills. Previously, I have worked as a speech-language pathologist (SLP) at the Down Syndrome Resource Foundation and the Burnaby School District. Currently, I see clients privately through Speechcombers alongside my work as the Gulf Islands School District SLP. I'd love to hear from you - feel free to get in touch!</p> <p>✔ Currently offering services via telepractice.</p>
<p>Allison Fradette, RSLP</p> <p>Age groups served: 0-6, 6-19</p> <p>Address: 6586 Bella Vista Dr. Victoria, BC</p> <p>Phone: 780-554-3598</p> <p>Email: allisonfradette@gmail.com</p>	<p>I have extensive experience working with preschool and school-aged students on a wide range of speech and language needs. Areas of interest include: speech sound disorders, apraxia, stuttering, language delay, narrative skills and phonological awareness skills. I am trained in the Lidcombe stuttering program and in the "Let's Talk Clearly" program, a motor speech program created by Dr. Meghan Hodge from the University of Alberta for children with Apraxia of speech or similar motor speech based challenges. I offer services on the Peninsula and in Victoria. I am registered with the College of SHHP of BC, certified by SAC and a member of Speech and Hearing BC. I also work part-time in a school district.</p>