

SURVEY SUMMARY

Deaf Children's Society of B.C. (DCS) has strengths in many areas.

- In assuming her new position in the organization, the executive director has brought a strong vision and enthusiasm to providing quality services for persons served.
- Funders spoke highly of the services provided by the organization and noted the accuracy of contract reporting and delivering services meeting contract deliverables.
- The organization is complimented on the provision of service to two communities outside of the Vancouver community and is encouraged to expand this availability of choice of services throughout the province.
- The organization demonstrated sound fiscal management practices, including careful attention to maintaining adequate funding from both government contracts and donations.
- The organization appears to be an enjoyable workplace for staff members and persons served. The attention to staff recruitment and retention of those with specific sign language skills for delivering services for the Deaf community are commendable.
- The organization is complimented for the development of a user-friendly website.
- The organization uses strong advocacy to decrease gaps in services for deaf children transitioning from preschool to higher education.
- The love for the Deaf community comes across beautifully in the culture of DCS.
- The organization is one of the leading organizations that promotes American Sign Language (ASL) in this area.
- The organization truly believes in the young person's integration into the Deaf community and the English-speaking community.
- DCS provides a proven practice in its educational curriculum to persons served in the preschool years.
- The entire organization demonstrates true passion and commitment for upward mobility for persons served and the Deaf community.
- The organization is complimented for hiring a deaf executive director and staff members that enhance the services for deaf children and their families
- There is a strong collaborative culture that is visible in DCS.
- All English-speaking staff members are trained in ASL, which validates DCS's passion and commitment for effective communication with staff, persons served, and families.
- Deaf children who receive services from DCS show high social and communication skills.