



Mission: *The BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (ACCS) is committed to the development, provision and promotion of quality Aboriginal child care services throughout British Columbia. A non-profit provincial society, our role is to support communities and community-based child care services and to initiate and disseminate research on Aboriginal child care issues.*

A Voice for Quality Child Care

ACCS is committed to creating Aboriginal child care services that are responsive to the needs of communities and families and that ensure children develop fully as First Nations with a distinct culture, history and language.

Who Can Join ACCS?

Individuals may be eligible for membership if they are:

- caregivers of Aboriginal children
- early childhood educators who are Aboriginal or who work with Aboriginal children
- Aboriginal students enrolled in an early childhood education or child care related program
- parents of Aboriginal children
- Aboriginal Elders
- administrators in Aboriginal child care
- Aboriginal researchers and policy analysts in Aboriginal child care

Centres include child care centres, IDP/AIDP & host agencies; SCDP/ASCDP & host agencies, other ECE or ECD programs, including but not limited to First Nations Head Start Programs, both on and off-reserve; other ECD and early intervention service providers; Bands and Tribal Councils; or AHRDA holders.

Associate members include individuals or groups that have an interest in the objectives of the Society.

Membership Fees

ACCS membership is available upon completion of this application form and payment of an annual membership fee.

- individual membership \$25.00 / year
- centre membership \$100.00 / year
- associate membership \$200.00 / year

Benefits of ACCS Membership

ACCS provides members with a provincial forum to network and share ideas regarding Aboriginal child care and child development issues. Direct benefits and privileges of membership include:

- a voice in a professional Aboriginal organization dedicated to quality child care;
- an opportunity to shape and influence Aboriginal child care policy, research and practice, both provincially and nationally;
- free annual subscription to the Society's bi-monthly newsletter *Caring for Our Children*;
- Resource Library borrowing privileges, with access to more than 900 child-focused books, articles and videos, as well as ACCS ECE curriculum boxes (including *Moe the Mouse™*);
- a discount rate on ACCS publications, research reports and manuals; and
- the ability to participate and vote on the business of the Society
- includes membership with the Canadian Child Care Federation

Membership Application

Name: _____

Organization or Employer: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Aboriginal Affiliation: _____

Individual: \$25.00

Center: \$100.00

Associate: \$200.00