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***Moe the Mouse*[™] Speech and Language Development Program**

A Program of the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society

Developed by Anne Gardner, SLP & Margaret Chesterman, SLP for BC ACCS

INFORMATION SHEET

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About the program

The *Moe the Mouse*[™] Curriculum Box is an innovative early speech and language curriculum box that uses Aboriginal toys and stories to enhance language development in children ages 3–5. The activities and materials in the curriculum box help parents and educators provide opportunities for children to practise language skills in natural settings. Doing these activities helps children develop the following speech and language skills: social language use, comprehension of spoken words, vocabulary, discrimination of speech sounds, ability to pronounce speech sounds, knowledge of preposition words (e.g. above, beside), and the ability to express feelings and ideas. These activities become part of the regular early learning and child care program curriculum and do not require specialized clinicians nor do they need to take place in clinical settings.

Making the Most of Moe: A Workshop for Parents and Early Childhood Educators is a workshop developed and owned by Anne Gardner and Margaret Chesterman, the two Speech & Language pathologists who developed the *Moe the Mouse*[™] *Speech and Language Curriculum Box* for ACCS. *Making the Most of Moe* workshops are scheduled by ACCS and presented throughout British Columbia, and are facilitated by either Anne Gardner or Margaret Chesterman on contract to ACCS. The workshop is approximately five hours and utilizes audio-visual equipment as well as print resources to train early childhood educators and parents how to use the *Moe the Mouse*[™] *Speech and Language Curriculum Box*.

How to schedule a workshop and/or order a curriculum box

Lynn McBride, Child Care Advisor for the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (ACCS), is in charge of the *Moe the Mouse*[™] Speech and Language Development Program. Please contact Lynn with any and all inquiries about *Moe the Mouse*[™] training workshops and *Moe the Mouse*[™] Curriculum Boxes. Lynn schedules and organises the training workshops and takes purchase orders for the Curriculum Boxes. Her contact information is:

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Scheduling workshops: The workshop is approximately 5 hours, delivered in one full day session. The centre or agency that requests the training (the “hosting agency”) is responsible for registration of all workshop participants, for arranging the meeting room space, and for any food to be provided to participants during the training session (coffee breaks and/or lunch). The BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (ACCS) will invoice the hosting agency for the training workshop fee and for any Curriculum Boxes that are ordered.

Workshop Fees: Each training workshop is facilitated by one of the Speech & Language Pathologist (retained by ACCS) who developed the *Moe the Mouse*[™] Curriculum Box for ACCS, and their fees for the training are:

- \$800 flat fee for one day training session (if no overnight stay required)
- \$900 flat fee for one day training session (if one overnight stay required)
- \$1000 flat fee for one day training session (if two overnights required)
- *Plus* the facilitator’s travel and accommodation costs, based on BC provincial government travel claim allowance amounts currently in use (schedule of travel claim amounts available upon request)

The flat fee for the training session covers the facilitator’s travelling time, preparation time, handouts, and facilitation of the training. The facilitator invoices ACCS for the workshop fee and travel/accommodation, and ACCS invoices the hosting agency (invoice for workshop fee can be issued in advance of the workshop date if requested; the invoice for travel and accommodation is issued after completion of the workshop). Each workshop session can accommodate up to 35 participants (20 to 25 participants is ideal). On a case-by-case basis, ACCS and the facilitators will consider requests to train a larger group in a single session. Please contact Lynn McBride if you wish to arrange for this. *Different fees may apply.*

Ordering curriculum boxes: ACCS currently has **two** *Moe the Mouse*[™] Curriculum Boxes available for loan (for a 4 week loan), and we also take orders for those who wish to purchase a *Moe the Mouse*[™] Curriculum Box. *You must take the full day training before you borrow or buy the Curriculum Box.* You can order the Curriculum Box (for loan or purchase) at the same time as you schedule your training workshop, or you can order following the training. The current purchase price is \$500 per Curriculum Box.

You can expect delivery of your Curriculum Box in time for your workshop *provided that the Curriculum Box is ordered at least 4 weeks in advance of the workshop date.* For Curriculum Boxes ordered at the workshop or following the workshop, delivery can be expected within 4 to 6 weeks.

Funded training and/or curriculum boxes: In certain circumstances, ACCS *may* have access to funding which *might* make your centre or program eligible to receive training and/or a *Moe the Mouse*[™] Curriculum Box at no cost to your centre or program. ***Not all centres and programs are eligible.*** Please inquire about this possibility when you call to arrange training and/or to order a *Moe the Mouse*[™] Curriculum Box.