

Learning Outside Together

Policy Document- Participants, acceptance and withdraw

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## **Overview**

The Learning Outside Together (LOT) program is jointly owned and administered by Early Childhood Educators of BC (ECEBC) and BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS). The non-profit agency Social Research and Demonstration Corporation (SRDC) is an equal partner in the project.

## **Acceptance**

Individuals apply to participate in the LOT program. Typically, there are more applications than there are spaces available.

If an individual is accepted into the program, they are asked to confirm their availability and interest. There are no consequences to declining the opportunity. This honesty allows us to offer the space to another interested child care professional.

## **Withdrawing after beginning**

The LOT project partners understand that situations may arise that make it difficult to continue with the LOT program, or an individual may find the program does not fit with their professional development needs.

In this situation, the participant is asked to email their mentor to let them know of the withdrawal.

If preferred, the participant can email the LOT program directly (or one of the project partners, ECEBC or BCACCS) to let them know.

The mentor (or ECEBC or BCACCS) will try to see if there is anything they can do to support the participant to complete the program. If the participant still believes withdrawing is in their best interest, they will be supported to do so. Attendance at a last group meeting may be suggested in order to say goodbye to the group.

Sometimes a situation may be unexpected and a participant may not be able to inform their mentor/ECEBC/BCACCS before withdrawing. In this case participants are encouraged, when they are able, to email their mentor. These participants are welcome to rejoin the group and/or attend a meeting to say goodbye.

Participants who withdraw in these ways are welcome to re-apply to a future cohort of the LOT program, if/when their schedule allows.