

# Parent-Child Mother Goose Program® Programme la Mere l'Oie pour parents et enfants

Parent-Child Mother Goose National Council are pleased to announce a new fundraiser:



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You may order your **P-CMGP Tote Bag** by filling in the order form on page 8 and emailing it back with your credit card information or sending a cheque with the form to us. The bags are already printed, so they will be sent out to you as soon as the order and payment are received. These bags would make a great gift for program facilitators, volunteers or as a thank you gift for guest rhymers.

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### Mother Goose Around the World ...

### We recently heard from a Facilitator of a program based on P-CMGP in IRAN!

I want to thank all of you again for all that I learned from this wonderful program.

Now we have a very nice Iranian PCMG-inspired program (Faranak Program) in our clinic twice a week (for two groups of mothers of deaf toddlers) and every 6 month we start a new one. We have been running our program for 5 years.

We have a very active Telegram page (a social network, very common in our country) in which we have over 300 mothers (of deaf and hearing children) from all around our country and we introduce songs and rhymes each day and now we have a huge resource of songs, rhymes and stories.

I recently started a new Instagram (social network ) page for Faranak Program. We decided to do a new research project too.

I am training some of my students constantly to work with me in our clinic. I also published a book with some of our most lovable songs for families of deaf children. Attached you can find the cover of the Persian PCMG-inspired program (Faranak) Songs book.

I owe all of this to Marilyn Dann from Australia PCMG and you in Canada. Also, I always did our program just as similar as yours (without Cued Speech).

Send my regards to all PCMG members .
Best Wishes
Guita from IRAN
Guita Movallali,PhD.







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### ... Mother Goose Around the World ...



Parent Child Mother Goose Australia Inc.

## Hello and G'day from Parent-Child Mother Goose Australia,

Lots of things have been happening this side of the hemisphere, since our move for independence in 2013. We are now an established office, collocated with Playgroups Victoria in Melbourne, Australia and have been busy finding our feet. In early 2015 we made further leaps forward through a strategic plan initiative involving: a change in name; updating of resources; and greater recognition as an evidence-based program. The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program, now operates under the auspicing body 'Parent-Child Mother Goose Australia Inc' and is recognised through the Australian Government as a listed evidence-based program in the Australian Institute of Family Studies guidebook.

The Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) is the Australian Government's key research body in the area of family wellbeing. Their role is to increase understanding of factors affecting how Australian families function by:

- · conducting research
- disseminating findings.

With a history of more than 30 years of researching and analysing influences on Australian families, they hold a wealth of policy - and practice-relevant knowledge - a foundation of knowledge that continues to grow.

### https://apps.aifs.gov.au/cfca/guidebook/programs/parent-child-mother-goose-p-cmg

With this recognition, the momentum has continued with our trainers developing and implementing a new 'Goslings' training opportunity for Early Childhood Educators in supporting their ongoing professional development. Delivered specifically to Early Childhood Educators the workshop aims to provide a sample experience of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program (PCMG), where participants learn how to:

- enrich and support your interactions with children in their care, and also with their families
- develop an understanding of the way in which songs, rhymes and simple oral stories contribute to children's learning and development
- use songs, rhymes and oral stories intentionally to create 'teachable moments' throughout the routine daily life experiences of infants and little children

Furthermore our Professional Development Gathering held late last year, was another great annual success with participants embracing the energy and enthusiasm of the day, resulting in the development of a fantastic resource. Below is a sample of two favourites collected on the day......

We look forward to sharing further news as we continue to work with the Parent-Child Mother Goose community here in Australia. If you'd like to become a member and receive our termly newsletters, please email our office: <a href="mailto:mothergoose@playgroup.org.au">mothergoose@playgroup.org.au</a>.

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### ... Mother Goose Across Canada ...

# Somali Mother Goose Program



Batun and Falis

Did you know that we have a bilingual Somali/English Parent-Child Mother Goose Program? For 10 years, Batun Farah and Falis Kediye, both of whom speak Somali as their mother tongue, have run the program in North Etobicoke. Families learn and share traditional Somali rhymes and songs, as well as English ones. Congratulations to Batun and Falis for bringing the program alive for so many parents and little ones in their community! This year, Falis received an award from Midaynta Community Services recognizing her contribution to the Somali community in Toronto.

# **Training Opportunities**

Check out the training calendar at <a href="http://nationalpcmgp.ca/training/">http://nationalpcmgp.ca/training/</a> for training opportunities near you.

If you'd like to schedule your own group P-CMGP Facilitator Training, please contact Sarah at <a href="majoose@web.net">mgoose@web.net</a> to discuss your options.

### Share your program with the rest of the P-CMGP Network!

Write about your program for the Network News newsletter. It brings joy, strengthens the network and creates new energy when you share your stories across Canada and Australia.

We love to include your stories, pictures and news.

Please send submissions to Nancy ThurstonCommunications Committee: <a href="mailto:nancy@ns.aliantzinc.ca">nancy@ns.aliantzinc.ca</a>

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# ... Favorite Rhymes from our friends ...

#### **Jaws**

Well there was jaws
A do do, do do do
Baby jaws
A do do, do do do
Mumma jaws
A do do, do do do
Papa jaws
A do do, do do do
Grandma jaws
A gum gum, gum gum gum

There was a lady
A do do, do do do
Out for a swim
A do do, do do do
Along came jaws
A do do, do do do
Baby jaws
A do do, do do do
Mumma jaws
A do do, do do do
Papa jaws
A do do, do do do
Crandma jaws
A gum gum, gum gum

And she shouted A do do, do do do Shark attack Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhh And she swam A do do, do do do And she swam A do do, do do do Back to shore A do do, do do do Away from jaws A do do, do do do Baby jaws A do do, do do do Mumma jaws A do do, do do do Papa jaws A do do, do do do And Grandma jaws Gum gum gum, gum gum gum

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### Mommy's Little Baby

Mommy's little baby can blow a kiss
And rub noses, just like this
Two little hands can clap, clap, clap
Ten little toes can tap, tap, tap

Two little hands, clap, clap, clap
Ten little toes, tap, tap, tap
Two little hands, clap, clap, clap
Ten little toes can tap, tap, tap

Sung to "Skip to my lou".

Kris Girard, NB

#### I see the Moon



I see the moon and the moon sees me
Down through the leaves of the old gum tree
Oh, let the light that shines on me
Shine on the one I love.

Over the mountain, over the sea, back where my heart is longing to be Oh, let the light that shines on me shine on the one I love.

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### ... Stories to Share...

#### Tiddalik and his Great Thirst

In the Dreamtime, a long time ago, when all the world was just beginning, there was a huge, giant frog named Tiddalick. Tiddalick was bigger than all frogs and all toads. He was bigger than all the other animals. He was bigger than rocks and trees and hills. He was bigger even than mountains. And sometimes, his greed was big too.

One morning he woke up with a great thirst in his belly. He went to the stream and drank all the water there, but he was still thirsty. So he went to the river and drank all that water too. But he was still thirsty. So we went to the lakes and drank all their waters, and still thirsty, he went to the oceans and drank all their waters as well. Tiddalik drank every drop of water in the world. And when his great belly was finally full -- swollen and swishing and satisfied -- he laid down and went to sleep.

It was only a matter of time before everyone else in the world became thirsty too, but with no water left to drink, they would soon die. They held a council of the animals to decide what to do. Some suggested squeezing Tiddalik until all the waters came back out, but he was too big for anyone to wrap around. Some suggested poking him to see if any water would come out, but no one really wanted to hurt Tiddalik. Finally Kookaburra had the solution: "We will make Tiddalik laugh," he said "and when his great, wide mouth opens, all the waters will come flooding out!"

So all the animals gathered in front of Tiddalik to try to make him laugh. Some, like platypus and wombat, made funny faces. Some like kangaroo and echidna and eel, did silly dances and twisted their bodies. Some, like Dingo, knew that laughter is contagious, so they laughed and laughed in the hopes that Tiddalik would join them. But he did not.

Finally, Biralee, the smallest human, thought of an answer. "We will tickle him", she told the rest of the animals! So they snuck up to Tiddalik and tickled and tickled and tickled! And when Tiddalik opened his mouth to laugh, out came the oceans and the lakes and the rivers and the streams; Tiddalik laughed so hard that a little tear even came out of his eye!

And all of the animals laughed along with Tiddalik, and drank until they were no longer thirsty... and so the bridge was mended and our story has ended!

This is a composite story that I've pulled together from a lot of different sources, but I always weave in the Aboriginal people of Australia and New South Wales -- it is their story, not mine, and it is important to honour that. During retellings of this story, I have parents and older children try their hand at making silly faces and telling jokes... it has never happened that I have not broken into laughter myself (kids learning how to tell jokes are always so funny and hilarious). Ending with a tickle is great for babies, especially since it was Biralee's idea to tickle in the first place; Biralee means 'Baby' or 'Happy Children' in some Australian Indigenous Languages.

Alexandra May

Rhyme and Reason Early Learning, Calgary

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## ... National Council Update ...

Each month, the members of the National Council of Parent-Child Mother Goose gather together (virtually, by Skype) to talk about all things Mother Goose, and to plan for the future of the program. With members from Nova Scotia to British Columbia, the National Council brings together enthusiastic PCMG-P supporters from across the country. The National Council's mandate is to advocate for and promote PCMG-P, to support teachers and agencies delivering the program, to create new resources, and to ensure the continued high quality of the program in communities throughout the country.

I first became a member of the National Council in 2012, and I've been in awe of the dedication and enthusiasm of my fellow Council members ever since. The Council is a volunteer-run organization, and thanks to the energy and commitment of those volunteers it accomplishes a lot on a very small budget. But we'd like to do more – develop more resources to assist teachers, hold continuing education and refresher trainings, support the development of the program in more areas across the country. To do those things, to continue to effectively promote the growth and development of Parent Child Mother Goose, we need the help and support of people like you: people who know firsthand how this simple program can change lives.

As program teachers you see the change that can happen in families and communities thanks to Parent-Child Mother Goose. By donating to the National Council, you'll help spread the change – giving more parents and babies the opportunity to benefit from the program. Your donation will mean more resources, more advocacy, more support for teachers and programs. Help us build a stronger program network across the country. *You can make a small monthly donation, or a one-time gift.* 

Learn more about the National Council – including how to become a member, and how to make a donation -- on our website, at http://nationalpcmgp.ca/.

Marilee Peters Chair, P-CMGP National Council

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