

## **Introduction to Money Management Activities**

To start with these activities it is important to have a play money kit - (Melissa & Doug Toy Company has a good kit)

Also this website includes printable checks and a check register for checkbook activities.

Once the person shows he can perform simple money identification, sorting and counting money he can be moved on to higher level tasks such as totaling prices and making change.

Finally the person can practice even higher level financial activities such as budgeting, writing checks or using automated banking.

It is easy to get trapped into sitting at the table and doing simulations for the above.

The activities suggested here are more dynamic.

The person must perform in the environment.

At the simplest level the person total prices of items from a list in the gym area.

Next he moves onto the store to do the same thing.

Calculating totals and estimating change after finding items at the store is a good preparatory activity.

Ongoing balancing of the checkbook while shopping is a way to assess memory, organization and multi-tasking.