

Outline

Complex Feeding Issues

Definition and prevalence of feeding issues
Overlap of sensory processing skills, oral motor skills and behaviors
Normal development key points

Evaluation of Feeding Skills

Observations: sensory or behavior responses
Oral motor evaluation for jaw, lips, and tongue strength and range of motion for feeding
Foods that give you information quick
Quick sensory tasks for a sensory profile
Case study: Putting it all together.
Video of evaluations, and case studies

TECHNIQUES AND TREATMENT STRATEGIES

Autism

Address food jags
Make food fun: sticks, cubes and more to increase oral motor skills
Address mealtime behaviors such as not sitting and throwing food
Easy ways to regulate arousal at the table using breathing and proprioceptive input
Strategies to address tactile defensiveness
Video case study

Cerebral Palsy

Oral motor exercises to promote rotary chewing, tongue lateralization and lip closure
Easy techniques to increase under responsivity
Tone management for increased range of motion in lips and cheeks
Hand to mouth connection
Handling and seating techniques
Exercises to decrease tongue thrust

Sensory input to increase oral motor muscle responsivity
Stretching the oral facial muscle to regulate tone for chewing and straw drinking
Video case examples

Other Development Delays (Down Syndrome, Failure to Thrive, and Global Delays)

Easy sensory techniques for children with decreased vision and cortical vision impairment
Address cognitive delays using sensory processing and motor skills
Oral motor exercises and “mealtime concepts” for children who do not eat by mouth
Failure to thrive: make fun food and increase interest
Video case examples

Promote Carry- Over at Home

Education of family and caregiver on complexity of feeding
Create peaceful mealtime at home through routine
Easy oral motor exercises during play and mealtimes
Easy sensory activities to promote attention and regulation during mealtime

Live Seminar Schedule

7:30 Check-in/Morning Coffee & Tea
8:00 Program begins
11:50-1:00 Lunch (on your own)
4:00 Program ends

There will be two 15-min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon).
Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker.
A more detailed schedule is available upon request.

Objectives

1. Evaluate how sensory processing, behavior and oral motor skills impact or interfere with each child’s ability to eat.
2. Role Play how to implement sensory techniques during and prior to meal times to address difficulties such as not wanting to touch certain foods or sitting at the table.
3. Implement oral motor exercises and strategies to promote feeding patterns such as rotary chewing pattern, lip closure and tongue lateralization.
4. Explore the misconceptions about feeding that impact special needs children.
5. Evaluate the behaviors that interfere with eating and devise strategies to address the behavior.
6. Support and guide the parents, caregivers and other family members through often emotional or stressful meal times.

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- Sensory treatment strategies to keep mealtimes peaceful
- Decrease food jags for Autism
- Blend motor and sensory strategies to address feeding delays
- Deep breathing and proprioceptive input to address self-regulation at the table

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Do you work with special needs children who cry or scream, throw food, refuse to sit at a table and eat, or refuse to try new foods? Do you know children who eat only a limited number of foods or only eat the same food over and over? Is going to a restaurant out of the question for the families you work with?

Attend this seminar to get the strategies you need to make mealtimes more peaceful and positive!

You will learn much more than the sensory issues causing these feeding difficulties; we will examine behavior issues as well as oral motor difficulties. Through the use of video case examples, I will show you treatment strategies, demonstrations, and hands on exercises to gain the knowledge needed to successfully treat feeding difficulties in children with Autism, Cerebral Palsy and more.

Walk away with advanced techniques to:

- Evaluate the causes of mealtime difficulties: behavior, sensory, oral motor, or a combination
- Increase range of foods, decrease food jags
- Blend motor and sensory to address feeding delays in cerebral palsy
- Increase jaw strength and decrease ineffective lip closure, or poor tongue lateralization
- Use deep breathing and proprioceptive input to address self-regulation at the table
- Develop tactile, auditory and smell to increase participation for kids w/decreased vision or cortical impairment
- Educate parents and caregivers to promote carryover at home

Speaker

Jessica Hunt, OTR/L, is well-known for her experience in treating pediatric sensory processing disorders in both the home and clinical settings. She serves children by bringing her feeding expertise directly into the home setting through her company J.L. Hunt Therapeutics. Previously Mrs. Hunt worked for 10 years at Kaufman Children’s Center as the director of occupational therapy and sensory integrations programs and then as the director of feeding and oral motor programs. She is certified in sensory integration, receiving her Sensory Integration and Praxis Test (SIPT) certification in 2008 and she had studied with Lucy Jane Miller, PhD, OTR, who is nationally recognized for sensory research, education, and treatment. Ms. Hunt received her bachelor’s degree in occupational therapy from Wayne State University in 2003. She gained expertise in “picky eating,” oral-motor therapy through trainings that include, the Beckman Protocol, and Talk Tools, behaviors issues with feeding, feeding strategies for children who have autism, and treating medically challenging child. She is also trained in craniofacial therapy, advanced training in Therapeutic Listening, Integrated Listening System, and Handwriting without Tears.

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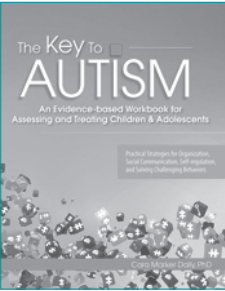
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By Cara Marker Daily, PhD

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By Teresa Garland, MOT, OTR/L

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