



Course Objectives, Presenters, Disclosures and Speaker Bio

OBJECTIVES:

1. List the seven areas of human function that need to be examined to provide a comprehensive Feeding Assessment.
2. Identify at least five of the oral, sensory, motor, cognitive or emotional developmental milestones key to being able to eat well.
3. List three reasons why children won't eat, as based on learning theory principles.
4. Differentiate classical and operant conditioning principles as applied to resolving feeding problems.
5. Identify at least four of the necessary components of an SOS Approach to Feeding program for babies, toddlers and young children in either an individual or group therapy session.
6. List all three requirements for building a Food Hierarchy.
7. Identify at least one play based strategy for progressing a child up each of the 6 major Steps on the Steps to Eating Hierarchy.

PRESENTERS:

Kay A. Toomey, PhD

(Pediatric Psychologist; President of Toomey & Associates, Inc.; Clinical Consultant to the Feeding Clinic at STAR Institute for Sensory Processing Disorder)

Erin S. Ross, PhD, CCC-SLP

(Neonatal and Pediatric Speech Pathologist; Assistant Clinical Professor at University of Colorado; Faculty at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions; President, Feeding FUNdamentals, LLC)

Bethany Kortsha, MA, OTR/L

(Pediatric Occupational Therapist; Pediatric Feeding Specialist)

Kelly Fitzpatrick, CCC-SLP

(Pediatric Speech Pathologist; Pediatric Feeding Specialist)

Lindsay Beckerman, MOT, OTR/L

(Pediatric Occupational Therapist; Pediatric Feeding Specialist)

Deborah Lagerborg, CCC-SLP

(Pediatric Speech Pathologist; Pediatric Feeding Specialist)

Amanda Foster, MS CCC-SLP

(Pediatric Speech Pathologist; Pediatric Feeding Specialist)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AND NON-FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Dr. Kay A. Toomey – Paid Consultant for Nestle Infant Nutrition (Gerber division);
Unpaid Medical Professional Council Member for Feeding Matters, (formerly P.O.P.S.I.C.L.E.);
Paid Speaker for Education Resources, Inc.;
Paid Speaker for STAR Institute for Sensory Processing Disorder

Dr. Erin S. Ross – Paid Consultant for Nestle Infant Nutrition (Gerber division);
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Intellectual Property Owner, SOFFI MethodSM;
Paid Speaker for Toomey & Associates, Inc.

Bethany Kortsha – Paid Speaker for Toomey & Associates, Inc.

Kelly Fitzpatrick – Paid Speaker for Toomey & Associates, Inc.

Lindsay Beckerman – Paid Speaker for Toomey & Associates, Inc.;
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Deborah Lagerborg – Paid Speaker for Toomey & Associates, Inc.

Amanda Foster – Paid Speaker for Toomey & Associates, Inc.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS:

Dr. Kay A. Toomey is a Pediatric Psychologist who has worked with children who don't eat for almost 30 years. She has developed the SOS Approach to Feeding as a family centered program for assessing and treating children with feeding problems. Dr. Toomey speaks nationally and internationally about her approach. She also acts as a consultant to Gerber Products. Dr. Toomey helped to form The Children's Hospital – Denver's Pediatric Oral Feeding Clinic, as well as the Rose Medical Center's Pediatric Feeding Center. Dr. Toomey co-chaired the Pediatric Therapy Services Department at Rose Medical Center prior to entering private practice. Dr. Toomey acted as the Clinical Director for Toomey & Associates, Inc.'s Feeding Clinic for six years and SOS Feeding Solutions at STAR Institute for eight years. Dr. Toomey is currently the President of Toomey & Associates, Inc., and acts as a Clinical Consultant to the Feeding Clinic at STAR Institute.

Dr. Erin Sundseth Ross is a Speech Pathologist with a Doctoral degree in Clinical Sciences – Health Services Research. She completed a two-year post-doctoral training in the Section of Nutrition and is a Clinical Instructor in the School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, at the University of Colorado Denver. Dr. Ross has over 25 years of experience working in the NICU within several HealthONE hospitals, and with children when she was at the SOS Feeding Solutions clinic in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Ross is the creator of the SOFFI MethodSM, a feeding program for use in the NICU. She has specialized in the development of feeding skills, and the etiology and treatment of feeding and growth problems in infants and very young children from initial hospitalization through the first 5 years of life.

Bethany CF Kortsha, MA, OTR/L received her Masters of Arts degree in Occupational Therapy from The College of Saint Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota. She completed her Master's thesis on Autism and feeding challenges using the SOS Approach to Feeding. Bethany has worked as a Pediatric Feeding Specialist and the Assistant Director of SOS Feeding Solutions at the STAR Institute for Sensory Processing Disorder with Dr. Lucy Jane Miller and as a member on a Multidisciplinary team in a day treatment clinic for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, SPD, emotional/behavioral disorders, and feeding problems. Bethany is currently the Director of Clinical Development for Toomey & Associates, Inc. In addition to her specialty in Feeding, Bethany has completed the STAR Institute's Intensive Mentorship Program and is a certified DIR Floortime Provider.

Kelly Fitzpatrick, CCC-SLP received her Master of Arts degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from The University of Memphis. She currently works as a Pediatric Specialist and Speech Pathologist for Rocky Mountain Human Services. She specializes in feeding difficulties in children 0-5 years old and those who are G-tube dependent. Prior to her position with RMHS, Kelly acted as the Assistant Clinical Director of SOS Feeding Solutions at the STAR Institute for Sensory Processing Disorder with Dr. Lucy Jane Miller. Kelly began her career in a pediatric outpatient hospital setting using the SOS Approach to Feeding program. Kelly has also completed the STAR Institute's Intensive Mentorship Program and is a certified DIR Floortime Provider.

Lindsay Beckerman, MOT, OTR/L - received her Master of Occupational Therapy degree from Ohio State University. She currently works in a private practice with children, teens, and adults with feeding challenges in their home and community as well as Developmental FX, a non-profit clinic supporting children with a wide variety of developmental needs. Prior to this, she worked as a Pediatric Feeding Specialist at SOS Feeding Solutions at the STAR Institute with Dr. Lucy Jane Miller. She specializes in feeding difficulties in atypical learners, including children and teens with Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD, and multisensory processing difficulties. Lindsay has also worked as a member of a multidisciplinary team with Autism Spectrum Disorders, SPD, emotional/behavioral disorders and feeding problems. Lindsay has completed the STAR Institute's Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 Intensive Mentorship Programs and is a certified DIR Floortime Provider. Lindsay also serves as a board member for Charlotte's Day, a non-profit group that helps to provide posturally supportive chairs to children in feeding therapy.

Deborah Lagerborg, CCC-SLP received her Masters in Speech Language Pathology from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. During her graduate studies, she focused on feeding disorders and dysphagia in infants and children. Deborah currently works as a Pediatric Feeding Specialist and Speech Pathologist for Developmental Disabilities Resource Center. Prior to this position, Deborah worked as a Pediatric Feeding Specialist at SOS Feeding Solutions at STAR Institute. Deborah began her career in a pediatric outpatient hospital setting, working primarily with infants and children with feeding disorders. She also spent time working in the NICU as part of a multidisciplinary team, supporting premature infant development and early feeding experiences. Deborah's passion is to work with the families, empowering parents to support their own child's development and success.

Amanda Foster, MS CCC-SLP, received her Masters degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Massachusetts General Hospital IHP. For over 15 years, Mrs. Foster has worked with children with a variety of diagnoses in school, clinic, hospital, and early intervention settings. She began her feeding career in 2005 at Toomey & Associates, Inc. and then moved to the STAR Center with Dr. Toomey. In 2010, Mrs. Foster started a private practice specializing in providing feeding support for families in their homes and in community settings. Currently, she is the Lead Speech and Feeding Therapist at a multi-disciplinary pediatric clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In addition to presenting The SOS Approach to Feeding with Toomey & Associates, Inc. Mrs. Foster has lectured on swallowing disorders at Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado. She also regularly presents on speech and feeding disorders at parent, teacher, and professional seminars.