

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 is currently the President of Toomey & Associates, Inc., as well as the Clinical Director of SOS Feeding Solutions at STAR Institute for Sensory Processing Disorder with Dr. Lucy Jane Miller.

Dr. Erin S. Ross is a Speech Pathologist with a Doctoral degree in Clinical Science – Health Services Research. She completed a two-year post-doctoral training in the Section of Nutrition, and now 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 at the SOS Feeding Solutions clinic in Denver, Colorado. 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. She is also the creator of the SOFFI © Method, a feeding approach for infants in the NICU.

Bethany CF Kortsha, MA, OTR received her Master 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 currently works as a Pediatric Feeding Specialist at SOS Feeding Solutions at STAR Institute for Sensory Processing Disorder with Dr. Lucy Jane Miller. She is also the Director of Clinical Mentorship for Toomey & Associates, Inc. Prior to joining STAR Institute and Toomey & Associates, Inc., Bethany worked 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. Additionally, Bethany has completed the STAR Institute's Intensive Mentorship Program and is a certified DIR Floortime Provider.

Deborah Lagerborg, CCC-SLP received her Master's in Speech Language Pathology from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley in 2008. During her graduate studies, she focused on feeding disorders and dysphagia in infants and children. Prior to joining STAR Institute, Deborah practiced 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.

Lindsay Beckerman, MOT, OTR/L received her Master of Occupational Therapy degree from The Ohio State University. She currently works as a pediatric feeding specialist at SOS Feeding Solutions at STAR Institute for Sensory Processing Disorder 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. Prior to joining STAR Institute, Lindsay worked as a member of a multidisciplinary team with Autism Spectrum Disorders, SPD, emotional/behavioral disorders and feeding problems. Additionally, Lindsay has completed the STAR Institute's Level 1 and Level 2 Intensive Mentorship Programs and is a certified DIR Floortime Provider.

Kelly Fitzpatrick, MA, 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 Health and 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 RMHHS, Kelly acted as the Assistant Clinical Director of the Feeding Clinic 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 Programs and is a certified DIR Floortime Provider.