

Agenda: Day 1

8:30am - 12:30pm

- A. Theories of Oral-Motor (Muscle-Based) Therapy
- B. Oral Placement Therapy: The “why”, “when” and “who.”

1:30pm - 4:00pm

- A. The Muscle Movements Necessary for Speech Clarity Emergence and Speech Clarity Correction
- B. Oral Habits: Prolonged Thumb Sucking, Pacifier Usage, Teeth Grinding and Drooling
- C. Oral Habits: What is the Commonality and How Can They Be Eliminated
- D. Overview of Feeding and How It Effects Speech Clarity

Agenda: Day 2

8:30am - 12:30pm

- A. Treatment... Treatment... Treatment: Muscle-Based Activities for Speech Clarity
- B. Activities to Improve Abdominal Grading and Breath Support. “It’s not the horn; it’s the hierarchy of movement!”
- C. Improving Velo-pharyngeal Functioning Using Oral Placement Intervention.

1:30pm - 4:00pm

- A. Jaw Activities - Stability in the Jaw is Necessary for Mobility in the Lips and Tongue
- B. Lip Movements Necessary for Speech Clarity
- C. Tongue Movements for Speech Clarity
- D. Program Planning: Putting It All Together

Learning Outcomes

1. Appropriately assess oral placement/feeding/speech/problems based on muscle systems.
2. Integrate hierarchies for dissociation and grading (jaw-lips- tongue).
3. Plan programs of therapeutic intervention to address physiological and motor-based speech disorders.
4. Appropriately apply at least 10 new therapy techniques.
5. Learn to use oral placement techniques to improve individual speech clarity and feeding skills.