


Bibs, Bites and Beyond:

Evaluation and Treatment of Feeding and Swallowing in Infants and Young Children

Dates & Time	Saturday, October 11, 2025 8AM – 4:30PM		
Location:	Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) 4650 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90027 Room – Stauffer A&B		
Contact Hours:	7* (*CBOT SWC Advanced Practice credit & DCA CPD credit pending)		
Cost:	Early bird price until 9/13	Regular Price until 10/10	On-site pricing
	\$199	\$299	\$350
Discount available for groups of 10 or more please reach out to RehabSvcsEdu@chla.usc.edu			
Registration	<p>https://secure1.chla.org/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=101941</p> 		

Course Description:

Bibs, Bites and Beyond is a one-day comprehensive introductory course designed for professionals working with infants and young children who experience feeding and swallowing challenges. This course explores the foundations of typical and atypical feeding development, early signs of dysphagia, and evidence-based strategies for assessment and intervention. Participants will gain practical tools to support safe, effective feeding in a variety of settings—empowering families and improving outcomes during the critical early years. It is presented in a lecture format taught by practicing pediatric feeding therapists from Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. Whether you're new to pediatric feeding or looking to deepen your expertise, this course offers essential knowledge for confident, compassionate care.

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify at least three underlying factors that can contribute to feeding difficulty.
2. Compare typical oral motor development vs abnormal/atypical oral motor development for 0-3 years.
3. Name at least five tools and resources to address oral motor sensory/feeding/dysphagia clients.

Schedule:

Saturday, October 11, 2025	
7:30 – 8:00	Registration and sign in
8:00 – 8:15	Introduction / Course Overview
8:15 – 9:30	Pediatric Feeding Overview
9:30 – 9:45	BREAK (snacks and refreshments available)
9:45 – 10:30	Dysphagia Overview
10:30 – 11:50	Bibs – Intervention for Infants
11:50 – 12:35	Lunch (on your own)
12:35 – 1:55	Bites – Intervention for Toddlers
1:55 – 2:10	BREAK (snacks and refreshments available)
2:10 – 3:30	Beyond – Intervention for Older toddler to Preschooler (2.5 to 5 years old)
3:30 – 4:15	Putting it all Together, Special Considerations and Resources
4:15 – 4:30	Course Evaluation & Completion Certificates

*To receive completion certificate attendees must attend the full course and complete a course evaluation.

REFUND POLICY: Registration may be cancelled up to 7 days before the course. Refunds will be subject to a cancellation transaction fee of \$25.

COURSE CANCELLATION: If a course is cancelled due to low enrollment, attendees will be notified at least 1 week prior to the scheduled start date and receive a full refund.

Questions: Please reach out to RehabSvcsEdu@chla.usc.edu

Instructors:



Judy Hopkins , OTD, OTR/L, SWC, CLE is a pediatric occupational therapist with 30+ years of experience specializing in feeding, swallowing, and NICU care. She mentors clinicians and empowers families to support medically complex infants from diagnosis to dinnertime.



Aileen Ervin, M.A., OTR/L, SWC, PAM, CLC is an occupational therapist with nearly 30 years of experience supporting infants through adolescents. She specializes in pediatric feeding and dysphagia, neuro-rehabilitation, and functional vision bringing a holistic and evidence-based approach to care.



Anita Marzonie, MA, CCC-SLP, a speech-language pathologist with nearly 20 years of experience with inpatient and outpatient evaluation and clinical treatment of speech, language and swallowing disorders.



Susan Greenberg, MS CCC-SLP, is a pediatric speech and language pathologist with over 10 years of experience at Children's Hospital Los Angeles specializing in Craniofacial Anomalies, feeding and swallowing, and cognitive communication disorders.



K. Tatiana Maldonado, MS, CCC-SLP, CLEC a Spanish-English bilingual speech and language pathologist with over 10 years of experience specializing in the evaluation and treatment of infants and children with difficulty breathing and eating and is particularly fond of the intersection of the two areas.



Briana Pollard, OTD, OTR/L, SWC, CLE, CIMI, is an occupational therapist with nearly 20 years of experience at Children's Hospital Los Angeles advocating for children and their families through direct intervention, program development, community training and public policy planning.



Lynette Gonzalez COTA/L, is a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant with 8 years of experience in pediatrics. For the past 5 years at Children's Hospital Los Angeles she has worked closely with occupational therapists and interdisciplinary teams to support clients with complex feeding challenges.