

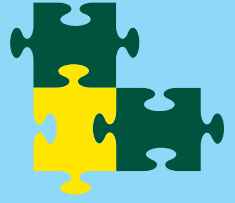


## SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

# *Oral Placement Therapy*

**The Speech and Language Pathology department is trained in world-renowned Oral Placement Therapy.**

Oral Placement Therapy is a type of oral-motor therapy used by Speech and Language Pathologists to target specific movements needed for speech clarity and feeding. It is one aspect of an oral “motor” therapy program that addresses the “motor” components and movements used in feeding and speech. This therapy differs from traditional speech therapy in that the strategies used continue to utilize auditory and visual stimuli (watch and listen) while **ADDING** the tactile and proprioceptive sensory systems. This allows the client to feel the movements as well as hear and see them.



## Oral Placement Therapy

### Is this child a candidate for referral?



- Oral sensory issues (hyposensitivity/hypersensitivity): feel and taste
- Low/High muscle tone – oral-hypotonicity/hypertonicity: resulting in reduced skills in the muscles of the abdomen, velum, jaw, lips and tongue
- Significant gap between receptive language abilities and oral speech usage
- Less responsive to traditional therapy techniques (“look at me, say what I say”)
- Often seen with feeding difficulties, drooling, or other gross/fine motor delays

### Is this child NOT a candidate for referral?

- have a typical oral motor system
  - have the ability to move the jaw, lips, and tongue in a coordinated and independent manner
  - have the ability to access enough air support to produce the sound and ability to imitate the movements correctly
  - respond to traditional therapy approaches that typically require the client to watch and listen to the therapist, identify the difference between what therapist is saying and modeling, and attempt a change