AEIOU: An Integrated Approach to Pediatric Feeding

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Dates & Location:
Friday, April 28th through Saturday, April 29th, 2017
at
Easter Seals DuPage & Fox Valley
830 S. Addison Ave.
Villa Park, IL 60181

Course Description:
Learn a step-by-step approach for helping children explore food, enjoy eating, and participate independently in social mealtimes. The AEIOU approach - acceptance, exposure, independence, observation and understanding – offers a new and highly successful method for integrated treatment of infants and young children with challenging feeding disorders using sensory, oral motor, biomedical and environmental strategies. Five factors in this holistic approach emphasize active participation, independence and shared control. Participants will leave with extensive knowledge and practical information to achieve functional outcomes for complex etiologies, improve quality of mealtime, manage tube dependency and transition to eating solid foods, treat sensory aversions, improve oral-motor skills, achieve home carryover, and more. This course is presented in a dynamic learning environment, using case studies and videos to engage and instruct participants. Extensive resources are provided. Many special populations are discussed including: prematurity, GERD, allergies, autism, failure to thrive, tracheostomy, picky eaters, and children with various syndromes.

Learning Objectives:
- Develop assessment and treatment strategies that integrate 5 management factors for biomedical and enviro-behavioral influences that limit successful feeding in infants and young children.
- Formulate strategies to achieve parent buy-in for home carryover, promote positive parent-child interaction, and help children participate independently in social mealtime routines.
- Identify contraindications for oral feeding and describe a 5-step treatment plan for advancing pre-feeding skills in non-oral feeders.
- Assess signs of distress and/or disengagement during feeding.
- Develop and implement treatment plans for oral feeding that expand taste repertoire and texture acceptance by incorporating strategies for the mealtime environment, seating/positioning, and oral-motor, sensory, and motor deficits.

Course Schedule:

Day One:
7:30-8:00 Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:00-9:00 Foundations to Management; Support From the Literature; Introduction to AEIOU
9:00-10:00 Developmental Progression of Feeding Skills; Interactive Exercise
10:00-10:15 Break
10:15-12:00 Biomedical Factors that Limit Successful Feeding: Prematurity, Respiratory/Cardiac/Craniofacial/ Digestive Complications, Allergies
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-2:00 Environmental Factors that Limit Successful Feeding: Stress, Physical Environment, Feeding Mismanagement, Caregiver/Support Factors
2:00-3:00 Case Reviews: Applying the 5 Factors: Acceptance, Exposure, Independence, Observation, Understanding
3:00-3:15 Break
3:15-4:00 When to Treat: Priorities and Contraindications; How to Treat: The 5-step Comprehensive Plan
4:00-5:00 Attachment/Communication/Control: Addressing Mealtime Interactions and Behavior Management; Caregiver Buy-In and Effective Parent Training
5:00-5:30 Establishing The Mealtime Environment: Merry Mealtime Guide

Day Two:
7:30-8:00 Continental Breakfast
8:00-9:30 Therapy Meals; Video Presentation of Treatment
9:30-10:00 Treating the Whole Child; Family-Centered Care
10:00-10:15 Break
10:15-10:45 Interactive Exercise
10:45-11:15 Seating/Positioning/Self-feeding: Achieving Autonomy and Independence
11:15-12:00 Sensory Processing/Food Play: Expanding Taste Repertoire and Texture Acceptance
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-1:30 Expanding Taste Repertoire and Texture Acceptance: Continued
1:30-2:30 Video Presentations of Treatment; Group Discussion
2:30-3:15 Nutritional Issues: Weight Gain vs. Brain Gain
3:15-3:30 Break
3:30-4:30 Oral-Motor Treatment: Achieving Success in 5 Steps; Treatment Video
4:30-5:30 Tricks With Tools: Tips From My Toolbox, Resources, and More

16.0 Contact Hours
About the Instructor:
Nina Ayd Johanson, a highly regarded clinician and renowned teacher with more than 21 years experience, is an affiliate faculty member at Loyola University Maryland, and senior speech language pathologist for an acclaimed children’s hospital. A Certified Educator of Infant Massage, Nina also works in private practice in Baltimore and lectures nationally. She has extensive experience in home-based early intervention and parent training specializing in the evaluation and treatment of children with oral motor/feeding disorders, complex medical issues, autism spectrum disorders, and other developmental disabilities. She holds a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from Loyola College, and a Master of Arts in Applied Healing Arts from the Tai Sophia Institute. She is a board certified Holistic Health Practitioner and was trained in integrative nutrition through the Center for Mind Body Medicine’s Food As Medicine, the nation’s leading clinical nutrition training program for healthcare professionals.

Target Audience:
SLPs, OTs, Assistants, Educators. Appropriate for other professionals (social workers, nurses, dieticians, etc.) working with infants and young children with feeding problems.

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This course is offered for 1.6 CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area).

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