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Coming Soon! Seminar for Feeding Teams

**November 30 and December 1, 2009,
Holiday Inn Express, Wilsonville**



The Seminar for Feeding Teams is an annual event, hosted by RSOI for the purpose of helping educational programs to develop processes and procedures for addressing the needs of children with feeding challenges. Difficulties with feeding can create a serious safety risk when school personnel have not received training in how to appropriately feed or manage the eating of affected children. It is important for Feeding Teams to understand how to evaluate children who are at risk when eating at school, and how to develop interventions to address safe

eating.

Teams who attend the Seminar receive training in developmental, medical, environmental, sensory and behavioral issues which can interfere with safe feeding in the educational environment. The Seminar also offers the opportunity to network with other educational professionals about feeding, as well as with the clinical providers who see their students in medical settings. Teams also are given the opportunity to analyze their program's processes and procedures, and to work together to make them more effective.

This year, the Feeding Seminar will feature a day-long presentation on *Helping Children who Won't/Can't/Don't Eat: Treating Eating Problems in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Developmental Disabilities*, by Keith Williams, PhD. Dr. Williams is Director of the Feeding Program at Hershey Medical Center, Pennsylvania State University. He was previously a faculty member in the Kennedy Krieger Institute's Pediatric Feeding Disorders Program, and specializes in the behavioral treatment of childhood feeding disorders. Dr. Williams has published over 30 articles and publications on childhood feeding difficulties including the recent book, *Treating Eating Problems in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Developmental Disabilities* (Pro-Ed, 2007), now Item #573 in the RSOI Library.

Day two of the Seminar will feature a morning presentation by Nancy Sinden, MS, CCC, SLP, from the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center at the Oregon Health Sciences University. Ms. Sinden will present on *The Role of the Speech Language Pathologist on the Feeding Team*. RSOI frequently receives questions about which disciplines are qualified to evaluate feeding and recommend interventions in the educational program. Ms. Sinden has broad experience on both educationally and clinically-based feeding teams. Her presentation will be followed

Coming Events

Building Futures Conference: Secondary Transition to College and Employment

October 26-27, 2009

Salem Conference Center
200 Commercial St, Salem

Target Audience: Students and
Young Adults with Disabilities,
Parents and Professionals.

For more information

http://www.orpti.org/buildingfuture_s09.htm

or call 1-888-505-2673. To
register go to:

<https://www.123signup.com/event?id=jqxxc>

Keeping Your Center of Gravity Over your Base Support: Assessing and Treating Individuals with Balance and Mobility Problems

November 18, 2009

Hilton, 921 SW 6th, Portland

www.crosscountryeducation.com

Seminar for Feeding Teams

November 30 & December 1
Holiday Inn Wilsonville

Featuring: Keith Williams, PhD,
Director of Feeding Program,
Hershey Medical Center,
Pennsylvania State University

*"Helping Children who
Won't/Can't/Don't Eat:*

*Treating Eating Problems in
Children with Autism*

*Spectrum Disorder and
Developmental Disabilities"*

and Nancy Sinden, SLP, CDRC-
OHSU, "Role of the Speech
Language Pathologist on the

Feeding Team." Registration
Materials available now at

http://www.rsoi.org/Pages/Feeding_Seminar.aspx

by a panel discussion of practicing Speech Language Pathologists who participate on EI/ECSE and school-aged feeding teams. The panel will discuss their team models and practical aspects of participation on their local teams, and take questions from the audience. Breakout discussion groups will cover team process and goal-setting. Registration Materials for the Seminar for Feeding Teams are attached to this newsletter and available now at <http://www.rsoi.org/Pages/FeedingSeminar.aspx>

TIES '09 Exemplary Therapist Award

Each year, the TIES Conference features an award ceremony to honor therapists



Lynn Langley, OT, from Linn
Benton Lincoln ESD was the 2009
Exemplary Therapist of the Year.

working in Oregon educational programs who exemplify excellence in their service to children, schools and families. This past April, it was our pleasure to honor Lynn Langley, long-time occupational therapist with the Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD. The many testimonials we received about Lynn called her resourceful, approachable, and an excellent problem-solver, noted for her sense of humor, her efficiency and her ability to work collaboratively. Lyn is clearly a leader among her peers, and someone who is a resource to colleagues and families. Exemplary

Therapist honorees represent hundreds of OTs and PTs who work hard every day to serve Oregon students and young children. Contact the RSOI office if you would like to nominate a colleague for the Exemplary Therapist Award at this year's TIES Conference, April 19 & 20, 2010.

Issues in School Practice

Each year, RSOI staff develops training on Issues in School Practice. This workshop is available to your local program and may be customized to meet your needs and interests. This year's topics include Documentation of Related Services on the IEP, Distinguishing Medical from Educational Therapy Services, and use of the Oregon Regional Eligibility Screening Tool (OREST). To schedule a workshop on these or other topics of your choice, contact Diana Roberts at diana.roberts@douglasesd.k12.or.us

User Feedback on RSOI Services-Spring 2009

Last spring, RSOI conducted a Needs Assessment at the April TIES Conference to solicit feedback on the quality and effectiveness of our services, and to find out how we might improve upon what we do. A total of 62 conference attendees, primarily OTs and PTs, responded to the survey. What we learned was surprising! Among the top five RSOI services rated as either *Helpful* or *Very Helpful* were:

#1	TIES Conference	(100%)
#2	Issues in School Practice workshops	(89%)
#3	Bridging the Gap newsletter	(83%)
#4	Print resources published by RSOI	(67%)
#5	RSOI Lending Library and Website	(Tied at 65%)

It's great to know that these services are so highly regarded, at least by those attending the TIES Conference!

However, we were also surprised to learn that some RSOI services are either not

Linking Play to Function: Using NDT and Sensory Integration Strategies to Facilitate Functional Skills Through Play

Presenter: Lezlie Adler

March 5-6 2010

Portland, OR. \$425

<http://www.educationresourcesinc.com>

Yoga for the Child with Developmental Challenges

Anne Buckley-Reen

February 5-6, 2010

Renton, WA. \$425.

<http://www.educationresourcesinc.com>

TIES CONFERENCE: Therapy in Educational Settings

April 19 & 20, 2010

Valley River Inn, Eugene

**KEYNOTE: "Evidence-Based
Strategies for Managing the
Challenges of Practice in
Educational Settings"**

Yvonne Swinth, PhD,

OTR/L, FAOTA. Presentation

Proposal applications available

December, 2009. Registration

materials available after Feb. 1,

2010. Presenter Applications

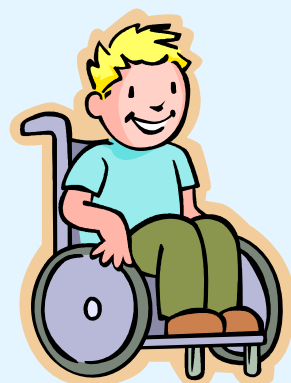
available in December at

<http://www.rsoi.org/pages/TIESConference.aspx>

used, or were unknown to those filling out the survey. 53% reported that they do not use the consultation services available from RSOI either by phone, email or in person. (47% do use this service.) While 65% use the website or the lending library, 37% do not. (See New Resources on the RSOI Website and New Items in the RSOI Lending Library below.) We're glad you're reading this newsletter, since it's our way to make you aware of the services available to you from RSOI. To see a full summary of the survey results, go to www.rsoi.org/Pages/AboutRSOI.aspx. While you're on the website, take a moment to look around and become familiar with what's available there. And, for questions, concerns, feedback, or if you'd like information on a particular issue related to educational practice, please contact Diana at diana.roberts@douglasesd.k12.or.us or at 541-957-4834. RSOI is here to serve you!

Software for Children with Motor Challenges

- **Virtual Motor Skills: Judy Lynn Software,** www.judylynn.com, 732-390-8845. This excellent new program is designed to give students with limited motor skills the virtual experience of performing tasks by picking up, putting down, and moving objects around. They are able to do this with a single switch and scanning, with step scanning using two switches, or with the keyboard space and enter keys. There are 27 different tasks that involve sorting, matching, sequencing and vocational themes. Some examples are: putting wooden pegs into a pegboard, putting light bulbs in a can, putting coins in a piggy bank, recycling, sorting silverware and more. This program is great for students who need to learn and practice timed activation skills. Because of the graphics and activities, it also adds the dimension of actually performing everyday tasks with success. A trial version is available on the website at www.judylynn.com/downloads.htm. It's a fully functioning program, with 12 uses before it expires.
- **Animated Toys II: Judy Lyn Software,** www.judylynn.com, 732-390-8845. Another great new cause and effect program for very young switch users. Children will love "playing" with the 25 different toys: jack-in-the-box, cobbler's bench, rings on a peg, spin and listen, blocks, penguin slide and many more. Press the switch or use a mouse click, touch window, or computer keyboard, and each of the toys will animate onscreen. Some fully animate with one press, while others incorporate multiple presses. The graphics and sound are outstanding, and there are many options, including background music, animation speed prompt images and number of seconds between switch prompts, choice of audio prompts and data collection. You can select the toys you want for individual users and whether they return to the main menu or continue to repeat until the escape key is pressed. Excellent for cause and effect, visual tracking attention and focus.
- **Computer Cool School: Fisher-Price,** www.fisherprice.com. This is a kid-friendly keyboard that connects to Windows computers via the USB port. Along with the child-friendly QWERTY keyboard, it comes with a writing tablet with a pen and art tool buttons (erase, backgrounds, stamps, tools and colors). The tablet can be used for practicing writing and letters, or for



drawing. Letters written on the tablet using the attached pen can be viewed on screen, alongside a letter model. Five additional large buttons take children to learning enters (reading, writing, math, art, music and science) with activities for reading comprehension, letter recognition, phonics, vocabulary, writing, math, problem solving and much more. Go online to see a complete video demonstration of the keyboard.(From *Closing the Gap*, Oct/Nov, 2009)

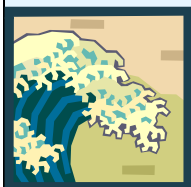
New Resources on the RSOI Website at www.rsoi.org

The RSOI website now offers some new features! Did you know that you can now download handouts from last year's TIES Conference? See the Materials and Information page for links to Selected Articles and References on School-based Therapy. You can also check the website for information about this year's coming events, such as the fall Feeding Seminar. Presenter Applications for the TIES Conference will be available in early December. In addition, the website offers:

- Contact information: for each of the SOI Regional Programs around the state, education-based feeding teams, and clinical feeding teams in Oregon,
- Materials and Information: all RSOI manuals, documents, and other resources in pdf format,
- Resources on Safe Feeding, Consultation and Collaborative Team Practice,
- Tools for use in education-based practice, including the Oregon Regional Eligibility Tool (OREST),
- Links to related websites, including the Used Equipment Marketplace.
- Searchable Lending Library database and Loan Application form

These and other resources are available now, and new links are being added on an ongoing basis. So if you're wondering about a RSOI document, library item, event or training, check the website at www.rsoi.org!

New Items in the RSOI Lending Library



A tsunami of resources has flooded the RSOI Library! 22 new items have been added to the Lending Library this fall, including new DVDs on feeding and IDEA handbooks for both physical and occupational therapists. We also have a series of new DVDs from Mealtime Notions, authored by Marsha Dunn Klein. The series includes, "The Get Permission Approach to Mealtimes", "Taking Tube Feedings to School", and "The Journey from Tube Feedings Towards Oral Feedings".

Also on feeding, we've added another practical DVD by Ellen Satter titled "Feeding with Love and Good Sense", which includes segments on infants, older babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

In addition, two new self-paced clinical course books have been added; "Collaborating for Student Success; A Guide for School-based Occupational Therapy" and "Occupational Therapy Practice Guidelines for Children with Behavioral and Psychosocial Needs". Several new handbooks with reproducible activity and form sheets have been added to the collection, including a number of Tool Kits for teachers, parents, students and staff, published by Henry OT Services. We added "Tools for Tots; Sensory Strategies for Toddlers and Preschoolers", "Tool

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Chest for Teachers, Parents, and Students”, and “Tools for Parents”. “Sensory Integration: A Compendium of Leading Scholarship”, includes 45 recently published articles, each with an in-depth description of a topic, a summary of outcomes and conclusions which might be drawn.

All newly purchased materials are now available for check out. For a complete listing of all recently added items, with item numbers and descriptions, go to <http://www.rsoi.org/Pages/LoanLibrary.aspx> and click on **NEW IN THE LIBRARY**. You may also view the entire catalog and complete a loan application by clicking on the same link.