

# Treating Eating Problems in Young Children with Special Needs

Presented by

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- Behavioral procedures frequently included in treatments for food refusal
- Methods commonly used in the assessment of feeding problems
- Development of an intervention for the treatment of food selectivity



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8:30 am - 4 pm

## **Young Israel of Hillcrest**

169-07 Jewel Avenue, Flushing NY 11365

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#### **Course Description:**

Problems with eating are common among children with special needs, including those with Autism Spectrum Disorders, genetic disorders such as Down Syndrome, or neurodevelopmental issues such as Cerebral Palsy or Spina Bifida.

In some cases, children refuse to eat entire food groups, placing them at risk from a variety of health problems secondary to their limited diets. Other children refuse foods completely and either drink liquid supplements or receive supplemental tube feedings. Still others have problems with chewing and swallowing, putting them at risk for choking or vomiting. Regardless of the type of eating problem experienced, there are adverse social implications for these children who are unable to eat with family and peers.

In this workshop, information will be presented detailing the range of feeding and eating problems found among children with special needs. A variety of empirically-proven treatments for these problems will be discussed.

**Who Should Attend:** ABA professionals, Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, Developmental Specialists, Nurses, Nutritionists, and other Professionals working with young children with feeding issues.

#### Learning Objectives - Upon completion, Participants should be able to:

- List common childhood feeding problems, including how and why they occur.
- Describe how to evaluate a feeding problem.
- Discuss treatment methods for feeding problems typically found in children with special needs.
- Describe methods for training caregivers to implement home-based treatment plans.

**About Dr. Williams:** Keith is the Director of the Feeding Program at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center. He is a professor of Pediatrics at the Penn State College of Medicine. Keith's clinical practice involves the treatment of children with a range of feeding problems. He also conducts research involving feeding problems and childhood nutrition. Keith is the co-author of <u>Treating Eating Problems in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Developmental Disabilities</u> as well as over 50 articles and book chapters.

Keith has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Linguistics from the University of Massachusetts and a Doctoral degree in Applied Developmental Psychology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Keith is a licensed psychologist in Pennsylvania and as well a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst-Doctoral Level.

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