



## Speaker Bios and Disclosures

### **PRESENTERS for the ONLINE SEGMENT OF THE SOS HYBRID TRAINING COURSE:**

**Kay A. Toomey, PhD** - Pediatric Psychologist; President of Toomey & Associates, Inc.; Adjunct Research Fellow of Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions; Pediatric Feeding Specialist

**Lindsay Beckerman, MOT, OTR/L** - Pediatric Occupational Therapist; Pediatric Feeding Specialist

### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AND NON-FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS:**

#### **Dr. Kay A. Toomey**

- President, Toomey & Associates, Inc. and the Developer of the SOS Approach to Feeding program (paid)
- Co-Author, "Behaviorally Based Feeding Problems" in Suiter & Gosa (Eds.) Assessing and Treating Dysphagia: A Lifespan Perspective (2019). New York: Thieme Publishers (unpaid)
- Founding Medical Professional Council Member with Feeding Matters - PFD Alliance Committee Member and Conference Committee Member (unpaid)

#### **Lindsay Beckerman**

- Speaker for Toomey & Associates, Inc. (paid)

### **BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS:**

**Dr. Kay A. Toomey** is a Pediatric Psychologist who has worked with children who don't eat for over 35 years. She has developed the SOS Approach to Feeding as a family centered program for assessing and treating children with feeding problems. Dr. Toomey speaks nationally and internationally about her approach. Dr.

Toomey helped to form The Children's Hospital – Denver's Pediatric Oral Feeding Clinic, as well as the Rose Medical Center's Pediatric Feeding Center. Dr. Toomey co-chaired the Pediatric Therapy Services Department at Rose Medical Center prior to entering private practice. Dr. Toomey acted as the Clinical Director for Toomey & Associates, Inc.'s Feeding Clinic, and then the SOS Feeding Solutions @ STAR before shifting into clinical consultation in order to focus on her teaching. Dr. Toomey is currently the President of Toomey & Associates, Inc.

**Lindsay Beckerman, MOT, OTR/L** received her Master of Occupational Therapy degree from Ohio State University. She is currently the lead OT and Feeding Specialist at Developmental FX, a non-profit pediatric therapy clinic, which utilizes a multidisciplinary approach to transform the lives of children who have neurodevelopmental differences and mental health challenges. Prior to this, she worked as a Pediatric Feeding Specialist at SOS Feeding Solutions @ STAR with Dr. Kay Toomey and Dr. Lucy Jane Miller and currently continues to work with Dr. Toomey as an SOS Professor. Lindsay has also worked as a member of a multidisciplinary team at a hospital/residential facility for children and teens with neurodevelopmental differences and mental health challenges. Lindsay has completed several courses in Ayres SI, is a Level 2 DIR Floortime certified provider, and has completed the Polyvagal Certificate Course. Lindsay enjoys empowering children, teens, young adults, and parents in building skills to help mealtimes go better.

## **PRESENTERS for the IN-PERSON SEGMENT OF THE SOS HYBRID TRAINING COURSE:**

### **Kay A. Toomey, PhD**

(Pediatric Psychologist; President of Toomey & Associates, Inc.)

### **Erin Sundseth Ross, PhD, CCC-SLP**

(Neonatal and Pediatric Speech Pathologist; Assistant Clinical Professor at University of Colorado; Faculty at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions; President, Feeding FUNdamentals, LLC)

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Dr. Erin S. Ross

- President and CEO of Feeding FUNdamentals, LLC (paid)
- Faculty at the Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (paid)
- Developmental Specialist for HealthONE Hospital Systems (paid)
- Consultant for Nestec/Gerber Baby Foods (paid)
- Gerber Child Advocate/Developmental Panel member (paid)
- Consultant for Intertek (paid)
- Speaker for Toomey & Associates, Inc. & Feeding FUNdamentals, LLC (paid)
- Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine (unpaid)
- Co-Author, “Behaviorally Based Feeding Problems” in Suiter & Gosa (Eds.) Assessing and Treating Dysphagia: A Lifespan Perspective (2019). New York: Thieme Publishers (unpaid)
- PFD Alliance Member - Feeding Matters (unpaid)
- Consensus Committee of the Standards, Competencies, and Best Practices for Infant and Family-Centered Developmental Care in the Intensive Care Unit (unpaid)

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**Erin Sundseth Ross, PhD, CCC-SLP** received her Ph.D. from the University of Colorado in 2007, followed by a 2-year Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Section of Nutrition at the University of Colorado Denver. Her master's degree is in Speech and Language Pathology, from California State University Stanislaus, which she received in 1988. Dr. Ross is currently an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, University of Colorado and is on faculty at the Rocky

Mountain University of Health Professions. She has authored several book chapters and publications related to feeding preterm infants and infants with medical comorbidities. Dr. Ross provides clinical consultation to several Newborn Intensive Care Units (NICU) within the HealthONE system in Denver, in addition to providing professional education and research consultation through Feeding FUNdamentals, LLC. She created SOFFI<sup>®</sup>, a training program for caregivers in the NICU and therapists and other professionals working with babies who are having problems breast or bottle feeding at home. She brings 30+ years of experience working with premature infants and infants with medical problems.