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# Oral Placement Therapy: Clinical Implications for Tongue Thrust and Lisp



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## Course Description

Robyn's SMILE Program (SysteMatic Intervention for Lingual Elevation) is an effective way to help children remediate articulation errors including persistent lisps, interdentalized productions of t-d-l-n, and distortions of sh-ch-r. The program targets the root of the speech problem which is often a tongue thrust disorder. Robyn discovered in a school-based setting that by combining oral-motor, swallowing and articulation therapies progress rates improved. This one-day seminar deals with children ages 3 and up, who present with persistent articulation errors secondary to a Tongue Thrust Disorder.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Diagnose myofunctional disorders based on oral placement skills/swallowing skills/articulation skills.
2. List defining characteristics of a myofunctional disorder.
3. Determine if oral-motor prerequisite skills are intact in order to initiate myofunctional therapy techniques (jaw-structure-tone).
4. Measure treatment outcomes throughout the therapeutic process.
5. Combine oral placement, swallowing and articulation therapy techniques for those children who present with myofunctional disorders.
6. Implement at least ten exercises for a tongue thrust program.

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