About the Speakers

Karla Ausderau, PhD, OTR/L, specializes in feeding with an emphasis in children with medical fragility, autism, sensory integration and social emotional development. She was the head of the occupational therapy department and coordinator of the interdisciplinary feeding team at Pasadena Child Development Associates for over ten years. Karla recently completed her PhD in Occupational Science at USC. Her research focused on the negotiation of feeding occupations by mothers with children with gastrostomy tubes. Karla is a recognized leader and nationally known speaker on feeding and swallowing, social emotional development and autism.

Diane Cullinane, MD, is board certified in Pediatrics, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities. She has over 25 years experience specializing in the assessment and treatment of children with developmental delays and disabilities. Dr. Cullinane is a certified DIR® clinician and ICDL Faculty member, consultant and lecturer in the area of special needs and development in children. Her special interests and expertise are in the areas of autism, social-emotional development, feeding concerns, atypical behavior and Floortime™ intervention.

Patricia Novak, MPH, RD, CLE, is the lead Pediatric Dietitian at PCDA and has over 25 years of experience working with children with developmental disabilities and chronic illness. At PCDA, she is part of the feeding team, pediatric weight control program and provides nutrition assessment and consultation. Patty has presented at numerous conferences nationally and internationally, developed training curriculum and has published articles in professional journals. Her special interest and expertise is working with families addressing nutritional concerns in children on the autism spectrum and children with multiple food intolerances and/or allergies.

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