About the Speakers

Karla Ausderau, MA, OTR/L, coordinates the interdisciplinary feeding team and occupational therapy program at Pasadena Child Development Associates, Inc. Her specialty is treating children with feeding and swallowing disorders. Karla has her Advanced Practice in Swallowing and is a certified VitalStim provider. She speaks frequently at trainings and conferences and is pursuing her PhD at the University of Southern California focusing on children with gastrostomy tubes.

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 intolerences and/or allergies.

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