

# Talk Tools

Talk Tools is a muscle-based program used to strengthen weak and/or uncoordinated muscles used for respiration, speech and feeding. People who are candidates for Talk Tools therapy may have low muscle tone, reduced oral coordination and agility of the oral structures. The therapy techniques used in this program are based on functional activities, and each therapy task is divided into manageable, task-analyzed steps to ensure success. Talk Tools is often combined with other therapeutic techniques to enhance oral-motor, feeding, and expressive language skills.

Talk Tools uses a variety of straws, horns, and other instruments to increase oral awareness, teach correct placement for speech sound production, as well as increase strength within the oral musculature. It addresses the motor component of speech production in addition to the function of the jaw, lips, and tongue. Talk Tools can be beneficial for children who need assistance in the following areas:

- Saliva control (i.e., drooling)
- Coordination of respiration
- Respiratory support
- Articulation
- Feeding

Pediatric Therapy Partners has therapists trained to provide assessments, treatment, program planning, screening, and consultations using the Talk Tools program.



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