

# Talk Tools

**Talk Tools** is a muscle-based program used to strengthen weak and/or uncoordinated muscles used for respiration, speech, and feeding. At **Pediatric Therapy Partners**, the **Talk Tools** program is used by qualified therapists, 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 tongue and lip placement for speech sound production, as well as increase strength within the muscles of the mouth. The therapy techniques used are based on functional activities and each therapy task is divided into manageable, task-analyzed steps to ensure success.

**Talk Tools** can be beneficial for children who need assistance in the following areas:

- o Saliva control (drooling)
- o Coordination of respiration
- o Respiratory support
- o Articulation (production of clear speech sounds)
- o Feeding

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