

**SOS FEEDING SOLUTIONS @ STAR**  
**PROFESSIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM/POLICIES**

**PURPOSE** = to be able to fill a professional request frequently received by members of the Feeding Team to allow Professionals to directly observe the work that we do at SOS Feeding Solutions @ STAR. Allowing Professionals to visit provides the Feeding Team with the opportunity to further train therapists who are very committed to treating children with feeding problems using the SOS Approach to Feeding.

**Reasons:**

1. Professionals who attend a 3 or 4 Day Basic SOS Approach to Feeding training workshop find it very helpful to spend 3-5 days directly observing multiple therapists use the program. While the training workshop provides the foundation for using the SOS program, seeing the program in action can be extremely helpful to therapists in becoming more proficient in using the program.
2. Professionals who wish to start their own Feeding Clinic find it extremely useful to visit SOS Feeding Solutions @ STAR to better understand the multitude of details required to efficiently run a Feeding Clinic which are not covered in the Basic 3 Day SOS Approach to Feeding training workshop.
3. Dr. Toomey and her Feeding Teams have been offering the Visitors Program since 2003 because of Dr. Toomey's commitment to professional training and assuring that skilled therapists are providing the appropriate treatment using the SOS Approach to Feeding program.

**REQUIREMENTS TO BE A VISITOR** = a visitor must have a professional degree and must have attended at least one 3 Day Basic SOS Approach to Feeding training workshop. No visitors are accepted who have not attended the Basic training workshop. This Visitor needs to have all of the Basic SOS information to utilize their observation time appropriately with minimal disruption to the Clinic operations and Team Member's work.

**DURATION OF VISIT** = Visitors are requested to observe in the Clinic for a minimum of 3 days, with a maximum of 5 days. Under special review by Dr. Toomey, a request to visit for 1-2 days or to visit for up to 10 working days may be considered. The Visitor is expected to be present for Observation from 8:45am to 6:30pm.

**FEE FOR VISITATION** (as of 1/1/2015) = 150\$ per day per visitor. If there are 2 visitors from one site, the fee would be \$250.00 per day for the 2 visitors. If there are 3 visitors from one site, the fee would be \$400 per day for the 3 visitors.

**LIMITATIONS** =

- #1 There is a maximum limit of 3 Visitors from one Site/Agency during any one visit.
- #2 There is a maximum limit of 2 visitations per month.

**VISIT DETAILS:**

1. Visitors will be observing the Feeding Therapists/Feeding Team primarily from behind a one-way mirror while the Therapist(s) provide(s): Feeding Assessments; Evaluation Interpretive Feedback; Individual and Group Feeding Therapy sessions; Parent Education sessions; Supervision; Educational meetings; Phone Intakes.
  - The Visitor may be physically present in the room during Parent education and feedback sessions, supervision, intakes or education meetings.
2. Visitors will assist with the Set-up and Clean-up before and after Feeding sessions, in order that they can be included in discussions with Team Members of clinical reasoning for Food Hierarchies and to review what happened in the session which just occurred. This is the time they are allowed to ask questions of Team Members.
3. Visitors are given access to the Feeding Handouts/Resources file drawers and are allowed to take handouts that they are interested in that they did not receive or purchase as a part of the 3 Day Basic SOS training workshop. It is helpful if they bring a copy of the Table of Contents from the CD's they purchased to cross-reference which handouts they do and do not already have.
4. Visitors do not necessarily receive separate individualized time with Team Members or specialized feeding education time with Dr. Toomey, unless pre-arranged with Dr. Toomey OR unless there is unscheduled and open time in the Visitor's visitation schedule that matches with one of the team members or Dr. Toomey. During busy times of the year, there may not be any free time for the staff to spend specific one-on-one time with the visitor.

**EXPECTATIONS OF VISITORS:**

1. Professional dress code, including CLOSE TOED shoes
2. Professional conduct at all times
3. Client Confidentiality and abiding by all HIPPA regulations (includes signing documentation)
4. Intellectual Property Confidentiality and abiding by all Colorado State laws and requirements (includes signing documentation)
5. To not observe or attend any Therapeutic Activity if a Family has not given their verbal permission for the Visitor to be present