**Keynote Speaker**

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Dr. Rona Alexander is a speech-language pathologist specializing in the assessment and treatment of oral motor, feeding/swallowing, and respiratory-phonatory function in infants and children with neuromuscular and musculoskeletal systems impairments. She maintains a private practice; provides consultation services; and conducts workshops on oral motor, oral sensory, feeding/swallowing, and respiratory coordination development, assessment, and treatment.

As a qualified speech instructor in Neuro-Developmental Treatment, Dr. Alexander teaches in basic pediatric and advanced NDT courses. She has contributed chapters on oral motor, feeding/swallowing, and respiratory coordination function to numerous publications; is co-author of the book entitled, *Normal Development of Functional Motor Skills: The First Year of Life*; is author of the CEU product, *Focus on the Rib Cage for Improvement of Respiration, Phonation, Movement, and Postural Control*; and is co-developer of the CEU product, *The ABCs of Pediatric Feeding and Swallowing*. 
Abstract
This one-day workshop will focus on infants and children with neuromuscular and musculoskeletal systems impairments and significant feeding and swallowing problems. The primary areas that influence a child's feeding and swallowing function will be described in regard to their impact on the provision of appropriate evaluation and treatment services. Goals and strategies appropriate for the direct treatment of problems in pediatric feeding and swallowing function and those appropriate for carryover activities such as mealtime feeding will be discussed.

Learning Outcomes
1. Identify primary areas that influence a child’s feeding and swallowing function.
2. Discuss the influences of these primary areas on a child’s feeding and swallowing function, in general, and their impact on mealtime feeding activities in particular.
3. Apply knowledge about factors that influence pediatric feeding and swallowing function to the clinical evaluation process and the development of appropriate intervention recommendations.
4. Differentiate between goals and strategies appropriate for the direct treatment of a child’s problems in feeding and swallowing function and goals and strategies appropriate for carryover activities such as mealtime feeding.

Schedule:
March 27th, 2015
Conference Center
Third Floor, Student Union
8:00am-8:30am
Registration
10:30am-10:45am
Break
12:00pm-1:00pm
Lunch
2:30pm-3:00pm
Break and Draws
4:00pm
Questions and Answers
4:15pm
Adjourn

Approved for 6.5 hours of continuing education by the ND State Board of Examiners

Cost:
- $75 Early Bird Registration
  (Must be received by March 1st, 2015)
- $100 On-Site Registration
- Conference free to all MSU faculty and students
- No refunds after March 20th, 2015

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- Please return registration form and fee to the address on the back of this pamphlet
- Please direct any questions to the conference co-chairs listed below:

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