

Does My Child Need Feeding Therapy?

Here are some signs that your child may benefit from a feeding evaluation to determine if therapy is needed



Difficulty Transitioning to Solids

If your child was hesitant to try small meltables or easily chewed food, he/she may have an underlying feeding disorder.

Gagging

Gagging that persists after 1 year of age is considered atypical, as most children's gag reflex moves backward at 9 months



Difficulty Transitioning from Bottle

Children should begin cup drinking and straw drinking around 10-12 months of age

Limited Diet

Children need a variety of foods to sustain brain function and learning



Unwilling to Try New Foods

If your child is unwilling to try any new foods, even touching or licking, they likely will benefit from a feeding evaluation.

Requires Supplements for Calories

If your child drinks protein shakes or other supplements due to limited solid food intake, a feeding evaluation is recommended.



Feeding Tubes

Children and babies on tubes benefit from engaging in safe non-nutritive feeding behaviors, as well as some physician approved consumptions of foods.