**Friday, October 8, 2021**

**Speech Pathology Lecture**

**Ms. Mary Billings, MS, CCC, COM**

**8:30 AM-4:30 PM (7 CE Credits)**

***Adams Pointe Conference Center;* Blue Springs, MO**

Mary Billings, MS, CCC, COM® is the owner of Billings Speech Pathology Services, in Lees Summit, Missouri and is an ASHA Certified speech language pathologist and Certified Orofacial Myologist (COM®). She is a past president of the International Association of Orofacial Myology (IAOM) and is an accredited instructor for their certification program. Mary has lectured extensively nationally and internationally on the topic of Orofacial Myofunctional Disorders and has been deemed a Subject Matter Expert by the American Speech Language Hearing Association. In 2018 she was awarded the prestigious IAOM President’s Award for excellence for her dedication to its programs. She shares an engaging and enthusiastic approach to understanding her clinical expertise while adeptly pulling the various pieces together.



**Understanding Orofacial Myofunctional Disorders: Looking Beyond the Structure**

This course explores the many presentations of orofacial myofunctional disorders facially and intraorally that are not always apparent to the untrained eye. This morning session will provide the nuts and bolts on orofacial myofunctional disorders and explore the primary functions of the orofacial complex: breathing and swallowing. Associated disorders of the face, mouth, lips and jaw and their impact structural development and stability will be discussed.

The afternoon session will focus on aspects of airway obstruction, sleep apnea, and temporomandibular disorders. Parafunctional habits will also be reviewed. Intervention timing and the importance of a multi-disciplinary approach will be discussed with effective screening tools provided and reviewed for immediate and effective use in the dental office.

*Upon Completion of this course**attendees will be able to:*

* Define what constitutes an orofacial myofunctional disorder
* Identify populations impacted by orofacial myofunctional disorders
* Understand the functional systems of the stomatognathic system
* Learn the multifactorial origins of OMD and impact on structural development
* Incorporate screening for OMD’s in the dental office
* Understand the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to patient intervention.

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