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New National Early Intervention Model for Pediatric Feeding Disorders to be Developed in Arizona

Feeding Matters begins work on Pediatric Feeding Disorders Advocacy and Early Intervention Model

(Scottsdale, AZ) – Over one million infants and children nationwide suffer from feeding disorders. Many are receiving inadequate or inappropriate interventions due to the lack of visibility and knowledge of this debilitating condition. Currently, treatment methods are varied in medical settings across the country. As a result, delayed identification and intervention leads to poor brain development, deficient motor skills, and emotional impairment which may lead to a disability.

Feeding Matters will begin work on the Pediatric Feeding Disorders Advocacy and Early Intervention Model (AIM) to create a catalyst for systemic change that will shift policy and practice for this population of infants and children. AIM is a comprehensive community analysis and partnership that will create a medically recognized identity, collect prevalence and economic impact data, and raise public awareness about the spectrum of pediatric feeding disorders.

A national committee comprised of physicians, epidemiologists, insurance companies, hospitals, and others will create the AIM to establish replicable and scalable norms for identification, early intervention, and reimbursement in other communities nationwide. With this work, Feeding Matters is leading the way for earlier and more appropriate care before compromised brain development and before social and emotional consequences of feeding disorders emerge.

This multi-year project is supported and funded by Vitalyst Health Foundation, Comerica Bank, and First Things First. To learn more about Feeding Matters, the Advocacy and Early Intervention Model, or attend a committee meeting, please contact Nicoletta Fasano at 623.242.5132 or nfasano@feedingmatters.org.

About Feeding Matters

Found in 2006, Feeding Matters is spearheading the effort to conquer pediatric feeding struggles. Over a million infants and children struggle with the fundamentals of feeding – over 21,500 live in Arizona. In 2015, Feeding Matters served over 60,000 families and medical professionals who care for infants and children who struggle to eat. To learn more visit us online at feedingmatters.org, follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/feedingmatters.org](https://www.facebook.com/feedingmatters.org), and on Twitter at [@feedingmatters](https://twitter.com/feedingmatters).

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