Our Providers

Patty Kovacs MS RD CD, is a Dietician with over 15 years of experience working in pediatrics. She is an advocate for the blended diet and educating families and therapists on bringing whole foods into the world of tube fed children. She has been with Indiana First Steps for over 14 years and has built NCA Therapy from the ground up.

Morgan Fulk MS, OTR is an Occupational Therapist who joined the NCA Family over a year ago. She is very active in the First Steps program and sees on average, over 15+ children a week! She encourages food play, being messy, and creating a lighthearted sensory experience. She recently moved to the area with her husband and two fur-babies.

Sara Parker MA, CCC-SLP, has devoted the past 20+ years to working with infants and children with complex medical diagnosis and feeding concerns. She worked as the Feeding Team Coordinator at Riley Hospital for 16 years. She is known for developing safe and age-appropriate feeding plans to maximize oral feeding ability skills in children.

2017 Intensive Pediatric Feeding Program Dates
(times will be scheduled upon registration)

- February 4th
- March 4th
- April 8th
- May 13th
- June 10th
- July 8th
- August 5th
- September 9th

NCA Therapy
First Steps Agency
Pediatric Outpatient Clinic
Training Center
Office Rentals

First Steps
office@ncatherapy.com

Training Center & Leasing Office
training@ncatherapy.com

Pediatric Outpatient Clinic
pedsclinic@ncatherapy.com

9000 South CR 800 West Daleville, IN 47334
1-765-644-0500
www.ncatherapy.com
What is this program all about?
NCA’s Intensive Pediatric Feeding Program (IPFP) will run in 6 month sessions. Families will be accepted into this program once an evaluation has been completed by at least one of our therapists or with an MD referral. Appointments will take place at the NCA Outpatient Clinic on one Saturday of each month. These appointments will last anywhere from 3-4 hours and your child/family will spend one hour with each therapist during that time. There will be time to collaborate with the team as a whole after the individual treatment sessions. During the off weeks, families will be responsible for completing “homework tasks” and working on new skills taught/suggested by the therapists. Family involvement will be a huge aspect of your child’s progression and success with this program.

Who is IPFP for?
Children with feeding problems ranging in age of 6 months to 8 years old.

Which families will benefit from IPFP?
All families with a child struggling to eat orally. Diagnosis can range from, but not limited to, oral aversion, frequent emesis, reflux, delayed gastric emptying, FTT, multiple food allergies and tube feeding wean to oral intakes.

How many participants are accepted into an IPFP session?
Spaces are limited with a maximum of six participants at any one time. Treatment times in this program will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

How much does IPFP cost?
A 6 month session will cost $1,800. This consists of six in-office visits with each therapist, 18 total hours of hands-on therapy with our Registered Dietician (6 hours), Occupational Therapist (6 hours), and Speech Language Pathologist (6 hours). Families will have access to therapists via email throughout the month, and by phone call once a month. A deposit of $900 will reserve your place in IPFP, with the remainder due prior to the first Saturday session.

Will insurance cover IPFP?
You may contact your insurance company to see if they will cover any or all of the expense of this program. NCA will charge fee-for-service.

Why IPFP?
Patty Kovacs and Sara Parker, both well known in their respective fields, have treated children with feeding difficulties for the past 15+ years. It was only a year ago, while presenting at a feeding conference, where Patty and Sara had the opportunity to meet face to face. Since that time, they have teamed up to treat kids across the Indianapolis area within the First Steps Program. This partnership got them thinking, and within a few months their ultimate goal became finding the perfect OT to join their team and start an intensive outpatient feeding program.

With the opening of the Pediatric Outpatient Clinic at NCA Therapy and having Morgan Fulk, OTR, join the team, they knew this was the perfect time to jump right in!

This phenomenal trio of therapists are excited to introduce (the first of its kind), NCA’s Intensive Pediatric Feeding Program to Indiana and the surrounding areas!