

The DDD Resource Team Presents

CHOKING PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

National Choking Awareness Day is March 28th, 2026

Date and Time	<u>In-Person</u> Training Summary (Space is limited)	Registration Link
<p style="text-align: center;">The in-person training will take place at <u>5 Commerce Way, Hamilton, NJ 08691, in Conference Room 199 A & B.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Free parking is available outside the building. All attendees must register online and sign-in at the front desk to gain entry; walk-ins will not be accepted for this event.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There will be a one-hour lunch break during which you may bring a cold lunch or you can visit the local eateries at Hamilton Market Place.</p>		
March 11, 2026 10:00 am - 3:00 pm <i>Choking Prevention Unit <u>Live In-Person Workshop</u></i>	This training will include live, in-person demonstrations on preparing modified diet textures and liquid consistencies, along with practical strategies to help prevent and reduce choking incidents. Participants will also receive an overview of Speech-Language Pathology resources, including available consultations, training supports, and mealtime safety guidance to promote safer dining practices.	Register for March 11, 2026 In-Person Event
March 18, 2026 10:00 am - 3:00 pm <i>Choking Prevention Unit <u>Live In-Person Workshop</u></i>	This training will include live, in-person demonstrations on preparing modified diet textures and liquid consistencies, along with practical strategies to help prevent and reduce choking incidents. Participants will also receive an overview of Speech-Language Pathology resources, including available consultations, training supports, and mealtime safety guidance to promote safer dining practices.	Register for March 18, 2026 In-Person Event
March 25, 2026 10:00 am - 3:00 pm <i>Behavior Analysis Unit & Nursing Support Unit <u>Live In-Person Workshop</u></i>	This training will feature live, BCBA/LBA-facilitated presentations on the prevention of food-grabbing behaviors, along with an introduction to pica, including associated risk factors and behavioral considerations. Participants will also receive a nurse-led presentation on aspiration risk and Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD). The session will include practical strategies to enhance mealtime safety and reduce choking-related risks, as well as an overview of available clinical resources, consultations, and training supports.	Register for March 25, 2026 In-Person Event
Date and Time	<u>Virtual</u> Training Topic and Presenter	Registration Link
March 3, 2026 10:00 am - 11:15 am Live Training via Go to Webinar	Choking Prevention Awareness Month: Managing Dysphagia in the Community (75 minutes) <i>Presented by: Katelyn Bradley, Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP), Division of Developmental Disabilities Resource Team</i>	Register for Managing Dysphagia
March 9, 2026 10:00 am - 11:00 am Live Training via Go to Webinar	Choking Prevention Awareness Month: Mealtime Supervision (1 hour) <i>Presented by: Rachel Joan, Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP), Division of Developmental Disabilities Resource Team</i>	Register for Mealtime Supervision
March 16, 2026 10:00 am - 10:45 am Live Training via Go to Webinar	Choking Prevention Awareness Month: Choking Incident Reporting and Checklist (45 minutes) <i>Presented by: Lauren Chodack, Chief of Incident Reporting, Daniel Aiello, Quality Assurance Coordinator, Office of Risk Management, Division of Developmental Disabilities</i>	Register for Choking Incident Reporting
March 17, 2026 10:00 am - 10:45 am Live Training via Go to Webinar	Choking Prevention Awareness Month: Danielle's Law (English) (1 hour) <i>Presented by: Tashay Tolbert, Quality Assurance Coordinator, Melissa Henderson, Quality Assurance Specialist, Office of Risk Management Division of</i>	Register for Danielle's Law
March 17, 2026 02:00 pm - 03:30 pm Live Training via Go to Webinar	Choking Prevention Awareness Month: Mealtime Safety and Documentation (1.5 hours) <i>Presented by: Daniel Aiello, Quality Assurance Coordinator, Office of Risk Management, Maureen McCarthy, Assistant Director of Communication, Administration and Regulation, Care Management and Provider Support, Katelyn Bradley, Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP), Division of Developmental Disabilities Resource Team</i>	Register for Mealtime Safety