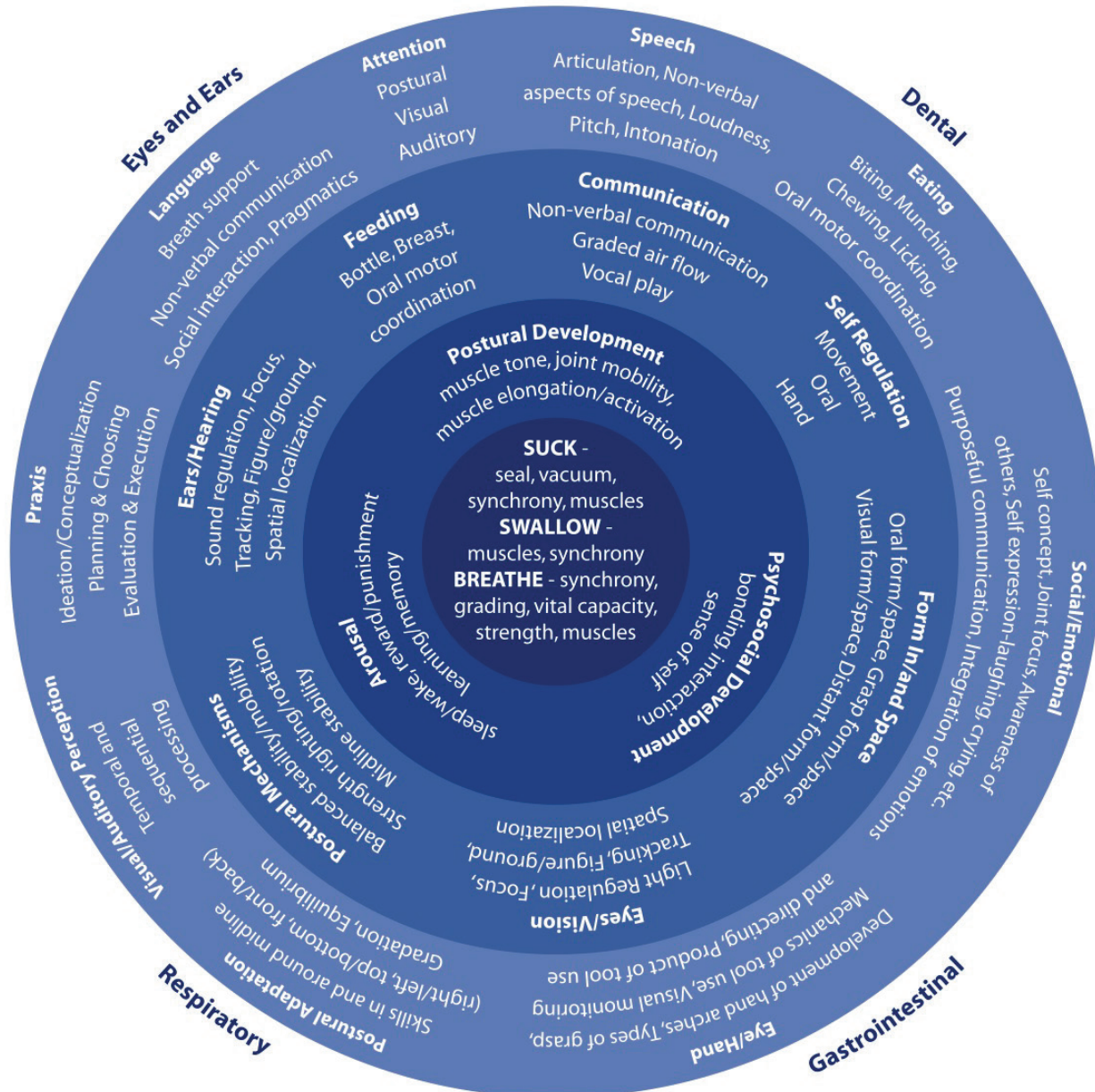


## RELATIONSHIP OF DEVELOPMENT TO THE SUCK/SWALLOW/BREATHE SYNCHRONY



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This model is based on the neural construct that structure drives function and function refines and elaborates on structure which in turn refines and elaborates function. The suck/swallow/breathe synchrony lies at the center of this structure/function paradigm for many sensorimotor and developmental functions. Each ring in the diagram represents greater refinement and elaboration of earlier functions.

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