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CENTER FOR AUTISM RESEARCH

Young Children Needed for Autism Study

What are the goals of this research study?

Due to advances in autism research, children are identified and diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) earlier than ever before. Yet there is very little research about the continued development of these young children. This research study will observe young children ages 2-5 to learn more about the differences in social cognition and brain function that may be present in ASD.

Who can be a part of this research study?

Young children between the ages of 2 years and 5 years of age may enroll. Children who have an older brother or sister with an ASD may enroll in the study at 12 months of age. We need children who have been previously diagnosed with an ASD or may be at risk for an ASD as well as those who seem to be developing typically to take part.

What will participants be asked to do?

Families may be asked to visit the Center for Autism Research at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia two times. Visits will be scheduled to be convenient for families taking part.

Children participating in the research study will receive diagnostic and developmental testing, and parents will be provided with written feedback on this testing from the study clinicians. Parents will be asked to answer questionnaires online, in person, and on paper. We will also use newly developed assessment tools like eye tracking and EEG technology to measure social processing and brain activity.

What are the benefits of taking part in this research study?

Children who take part will receive a comprehensive evaluation with a written feedback report containing recommendations for treatment. Clinicians and social workers will be available on an on-going basis and for one year after the child's participation for follow up questions and conversations about study evaluations and recommendations.

I want to help! Who do I call?

If you have any questions or would like to join the research study, please contact:

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