

Pittsburgh Early Autism Study

Our Goal

Understand the earliest indicators of autism spectrum disorders (ASD)

What We Now Know

Family videotapes of children later diagnosed with ASD suggest that diagnostic signs may emerge within the first year of life

What We Will Do

Study infants who have an older brother or sister already diagnosed with ASD

Look for infant behaviors that predict a later ASD diagnosis

Benefits

Screens and assessments of autism symptoms between 18 and 48 months at no cost

How You Can Help

Participate with your infant in one or both of the projects on the reverse side. Compensation is available for participants.

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Our Projects

How Babies Develop Intellectually

(directed by Dr. Mark Strauss)

Where: Infant & Toddler Development Center, University of Pittsburgh (free parking provided)

When: Infants are seen at 6, 11, 16, 24, 36 and 48 months of age

What: Babies watch pictures and movies (e.g. Mr. Rogers Neighborhood) while we record how they look at them

Infants who do not have a sibling with autism are also welcome in this study

Website: www.pitt.edu/~infants

Email: infants@pitt.edu

How Babies Communicate

(directed by Dr. Jana Iverson)

Where: In your own home at a time convenient for you

When: Monthly while babies are between 5 and 14 months, then again at 18, 24, and 36 months

What: Trained staff visit your home for about an hour and observe infants during everyday activities and playtime with you

Website: www.pitt.edu/~icl

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To join us in this effort or if you have questions, please contact us at:



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