DEVELOPMENTAL STUDY FOR INFANTS & CHILDREN WITH DOWN SYNDROME

We are the researchers at the University of South Carolina, and we are excited to be conducting a longitudinal study on early motor skill development and communication using various methods including developmental assessments and non-invasive physiological information. Infants and children will participate in playful activities with toys, and parents will provide information on their child’s development through surveys and interviews.

Are there any benefits?
Families will receive between $45 - $200 for their time upon completion of each assessment. Compensation amount depends on age of child and length of assessment. In addition, we provide you with a written summary of your child’s development after each assessment, so you can see your child’s developmental progress over time!

Who can participate? And where?
Infants and children with Down syndrome (ages 8 - 18 months) and their parents can enroll in this study. If you are interested in enrolling but your child is younger than 8 months old, please reach out anyway for future enrollment! Assessments can take place at your home and we do our best to find times most convenient for your family!

How much time will this take?
Assessments will take about 3 - 4 hours and occur once every 3 - 6 months for about two years. All assessments involve play-based activities with age appropriate toys. Breaks are taken whenever needed!

Who is leading this study?
Dr. Liz Will is a Developmental Scientist in the Department of Psychology at the University of South Carolina. She has over 10 years’ experience working with infants and children with Down syndrome and their families.

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