

Research Study on Mothers of Children with Autism

Does your son/daughter have autism?

Do you want to contribute to autism research?

Participate in our research study on maternal experiences!

The University of South Carolina is conducting a study on maternal experiences surrounding autism! Our focus is on understanding the range of language, social, and cognitive features associated with autism risk within families, and how these features may relate to variation on the FMR1 gene.

Who can take part in this study?

Mothers who have a son/daughter diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder who is 2-35 years old.

What will participation involve?

- Answering questions about cognitive, language, and social styles and preferences, and family experiences
- Providing a genetic sample (cheek swab) to allow us to index FMR1 gene variation
- Participation will take ~4 hours and will take place at the University of South Carolina. We will cover all travel expenses. Mothers will be compensated \$50
- Your child with autism will also be asked to participate in play-based/standardized assessments of language and cognition (child participation is optional). Children will be compensated \$10

How will this project help families?

Our results will help us learn about the role of the FMR1 gene in features associated with autism, which will allow us to better support individuals with autism and their families

How can I learn more?

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