

Dear IAN Research participant,

Based on your family profile, one or more members of your family may qualify for the study below. Please contact the research team directly, using the information provided, if you are interested in joining. You do not have to participate in this study and your non-participation will neither affect the care you receive from any health provider nor your standing as a participant in IAN Research.

*Please note that IAN Research is serving as a resource linking the autism community and researchers. This study is not endorsed by or performed under the auspices of the IAN Research project at Kennedy Krieger Institute/Johns Hopkins.*

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Name of Study: **Molecular and Family Genetics of Autism and Autism Spectrum Disorders (Simons Simplex Collection)**  
Location: Yale Child Study Center  
New Haven, CT 06511  
Principal Investigator: Ami Klin, Ph.D.  
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The Simons Simplex Collection is following in the tradition set by AGRE in setting up a biobank of phenotype and biological samples of families with one child with ASD and at least one child with typical development to be available to interested scientists around the world.

We are looking for families interested in helping researchers understand the genetic causes of ASD. Sponsored by the Simons Foundation, the Yale Child Study Center is one of 11 clinical centers around the U.S. and Canada that are recruiting families to participate. The Simons Foundation provides support to researchers studying ASD. For additional information about the Simons Foundation, see: [www.simonsfoundation.org](http://www.simonsfoundation.org).

For this study, we are recruiting families who have:

- One child aged five or older with ASD or a suspected ASD diagnosis,
- One or more child(ren) age four or older without ASD, and
- Both biological parents also willing to participate.

Family participation in this study involves the completion of interviews, questionnaires, and a blood draw. Blood will be donated to the Simons Simplex Collection. The Simons Simplex Collection obtains, stores, and distributes DNA to researchers who are studying the genetics of ASD. Through performing genetic analyses, we hope to discover information that will help us better understand and treat this disorder.

As compensation for your time and travel, each participating family member will receive a \$40 gift certificate upon completion of the entire protocol (including the blood draw). We will also provide your family with a brief written report describing the results of the assessment.