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Name of Study: Receptive and Expressive Prosody in Autism Ages 4-7

Location: Yale Child Study Center, New Haven, CT 06511

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Dear Parent,

I am writing this letter to offer your child an opportunity to participate in a research study at the Yale Child Study Center. This study is investigating language development, how individuals communicate with each other, and how autism affects communication.

For this study, we are looking for children who:

- Are between the ages of four and seven;
- Have a documented history of high-functioning autism, high-functioning PDD-NOS, or Asperger's Syndrome, or a delay in language development;
- Speak in full sentences, and use language fluently as a primary means of communication
- Can be understood by people outside the family.

Family participation in this study involves the completion of interviews, questionnaires, cognitive and language assessments, and a computer game. As compensation for your time and travel, you will receive a \$60 gift certificate upon completion of the entire protocol. We will also provide your family with a feedback session and brief written report describing the results of the assessment.

Thank you for taking the time to consider helping us with the study. We sincerely hope that our research will help solve the riddle of autism, and that you will be able to contribute to this effort. Please contact Allison Lee at (203) 764 8455 if you have questions or would like to schedule a time to participate. She will be happy to discuss this project with you in greater detail.

Sincerely,

Rhea Paul, Ph.D.

Lecturer

Yale Child Study Center