

THIS STUDY NO LONGER RECRUITING

Name of Study: Motor Skill Learning in Autism

Location: Kennedy Krieger Institute, Baltimore, MD

Eligibility Criteria: Children with High Functioning Autism or Asperger's Syndrome as well as typically developing children, ages 8 through 12 years

Principal Investigator: Stewart Mostofsky, MD

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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 Kennedy Krieger Institute. The study is looking at structural brain and learning differences in children. We are recruiting children with High Functioning Autism or Asperger's Syndrome, as well as typically developing children, ages 8 through 12 years.

The study takes place over two days (Monday through Friday), from approximately 8:30am to 3:30pm each day, including a break for lunch. It involves cognitive testing using computer games and paper and pencil tests, and an MRI scan of the brain. For their participation, children will receive a check for \$50.00; they will also receive a picture of their brain if they qualify for the study. You will also receive a report of your child's IQ, achievement, and MRI test results.

There are no direct medical benefits or significant risks to participating in this study. There is also no charge to participate. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jessica O'Brien, our research coordinator, at (443) 923-9254 or by email at obrienj@kennedykrieger.org.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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