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Name of Study: Assessment of Emotional and Cognitive Skills in Children with and without Autism Spectrum Disorders

Institution: University of Wyoming

Location: At your home near Catonsville, MD (within 35 miles)

Eligibility Criteria: Children with High-Functioning Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, or PDD-NOS, as well as typically-developing children (including unaffected siblings), ages 7 through 12 years

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Dear Parent:

I am writing this letter to offer you an opportunity to participate in research in the Catonsville/Baltimore, MD area. This study is looking at how children with and without autism spectrum disorders recognize emotions, as well as how children might think, act and feel while doing different things. Data collected during this study may help in creating treatment programs for children with autism spectrum disorders.

The study involves one (1-hour) visit where the investigator will come to your home at your convenience. During the testing your child will look at pictures of different emotions and answer questions about how he or she might feel and act in certain situations. Your child will also be given a short intelligence test and a test of how well he or she understands different words. You will also be asked to fill out two questionnaires about your child and his or her social behaviors. There is no charge for participating in the study. Your child will receive a small toy for participating.

Joining the study is completely voluntary. Even if you agree to let your child be in the study, your child can refuse to join. You and your child may choose to stop the study at any time. The study will be stopped by the researcher if your child cannot complete two tasks in a row or if your child becomes upset while completing the tasks.

If you are interested in having your child join the study, please contact Athena Lickel at (970) 581-3421 or hayesa@uwyo.edu to schedule an appointment. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. I look forward working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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