

THIS STUDY NO LONGER RECRUITING

Name of Study: Anxiety and Perceived Quality of Relationships in Siblings of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Down Syndrome

Institution: Loyola University Maryland & Kennedy Krieger Institute

Location: Online study; no geographic limitation within the United States

Eligibility Criteria: Typically developing children ages 11 through 17 years with a sibling diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or Down syndrome

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Survey Link: <https://www.psychdata.com/s.asp?SID=131209>

Dear Parent,

I am writing this letter to offer your child an opportunity to participate in an online research study conducted under Loyola University Maryland and Kennedy Krieger Institute. The study is looking at sibling relationships and adjustment in typically developing siblings of children with special needs. We are recruiting siblings of children with autism spectrum disorders as well as siblings of children with Down syndrome, ages 11 through 17 years. The age of your special needs child will be recorded but does not need to fall within any specific range for participation in the study.

The study is an online survey involving a demographic questionnaire, a relationship perception questionnaire, and a questionnaire regarding adjustment. For their participation, children will be entered to win one of two \$50 gift cards.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Corey Maas, research coordinator, at (443) 923-7598 or proceed directly to the online survey at: <https://www.psychdata.com/s.asp?SID=131209>

We hope that the results of this study can lead to improved sibling support services in the near future. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Corey Anne Maas
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