

Name of Study: Faces of Autism – Texas

Location: University of North Texas, Learning Technologies Department

Eligibility Criteria: Children with Pervasive Developmental Disorders Living in the state of Texas

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Dear Parent,

I am writing this letter to ask for your help and participation. I want to know your perceptions of Autism, your attitudes about your child's educational setting, and your coping strategies. What are your hopes and dreams for your child with ASD? I too am a parent of a child with ASD, and my emotions are diverse. I think our voices need to be heard. The collective voice of parents needs to be understood and appreciated in the literature on Autism. This research study is your chance to speak about your issues and struggles helping your child. The study was designed to capture information from the parents' perspectives about the most effective interventions, demographics, resources used most frequently, educational opportunities, and financial, medical, and respite support in your area. The study involves 12-17 minutes of your time; you will need to use your favorite browser and enter <http://www.coe.unt.edu/enniscole> and answer the questions provided. You will not receive financial compensation for your participation, but you will gain the satisfaction of knowing that you have been heard, and your information will be compiled into the collective voice of parents who know and understand what you are experiencing. You are not alone! The findings can be sent to you electronically. You will need to email Demetria.Ennis-Cole@unt.edu to request an electronic copy. All data will be reported in summary form; no individual data will be reported as we observe the necessary precautions to protect the rights of human subjects.

If you are interested in participating, please go online and take the survey: <http://www.coe.unt.edu/enniscole>. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. We look forward to compiling the responses and sharing the findings with you.

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