

Participate in a Research Study Investigating Imitation Training at MSU's Autism Research Laboratory

Many young children with autism have difficulty with imitation. This project is designed to examine the effectiveness of a new imitation intervention for young children with autism. Participating children will be administered a variety of standardized and observational assessments at intake, 3 months, and 5 months to determine gains in developmental skills over time. Families will be compensated \$20 for each assessment period. Half of the participants will also receive the experimental intervention for one hour three times a week for approximately 3 months. Treatment will be provided by the principal investigator and trained research assistants free of charge at MSU's Autism Lab. Children who have already had imitation training in another program may still be eligible to participate.

To participate, children must:

- have a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum disorder (autism, pdd-nos)
- be between the ages of 18 and 48 months at intake
- have difficulty with imitation
- meet other inclusion criteria

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The Autism Laboratory is located on the campus of
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This study has been approved by MSU's Institutional Review Board