

Name of Study: Evaluating Behavioral and Neural Effects of Social Skills Intervention for School-Age Children with ASD

Location: The Seaver Autism Center for Research and Treatment at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

Eligibility Criteria: Verbal children with Autism Spectrum Disorder who are not on medication, or who have been stable on medication, ages 8-11

Principal Investigator: Dr. Ting Wang

Contact Information: Sarah Teitelbaum, Research Coordinator; phone: (212) 241-3692

Dear Parent,

I am writing this letter to offer your child an opportunity to participate in a research study at the Seaver Autism Center for Research and Treatment at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. The study involves a 12-week social skills group that is conducted as part of a research study supported by Autism Speaks. Participation in the social skills research program includes a comprehensive evaluation including diagnostic, intelligence, and social/behavioral assessments. Participants will also complete three neuroimaging (fMRI) scans (one before the group starts, one after the group is finished, and one three months post-group). The 12-week therapy groups are led by experienced psychologists. The 90-minute group sessions for children and parents and are held during after school hours. The groups will target the unique social skills impairments characteristic of high functioning children on the autism spectrum.

For their participation, children will receive \$50 before the group and \$50 after the group completes; they will also receive a picture of their brain if they qualify for the study. You will also have the opportunity to receive a complete report of your child's diagnostic testing. There is no charge to participate in the study.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Sarah Teitelbaum, our clinical research coordinator, at (212)241-3692. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ting Wang
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