

Name of Study: Language Functioning in Optimal Outcome Children with ASD: An fMRI study

Institution: University of Connecticut, Storrs

Location: *We will fly participant and one parent or companion to Connecticut at our expense (airfare, hotel, meals, etc.) from any U.S. location;* if you live within 100 miles of University of Connecticut, neuropsychological testing may be done in your home, if you prefer.

Eligibility Criteria: Individuals with High Functioning Autism, ages 8 through 22 years, who experienced a language delay before the age of 3, and currently have no metal in their bodies (including braces).

Principal Investigator: Dr. Deborah Fein

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Dear Parent,

I am writing this letter to offer you or your child an opportunity to participate in a research study at the University of CT. This study is looking at the neuropsychological and neurological profiles of individuals with a history of Autism Spectrum Disorder in relation to their adaptive outcomes. Our aim is to improve treatment protocols for older children and young adults with different subtypes of ASD.

The study takes place over two days. Both days involve cognitive testing using computer games and paper and pencil tests, and the second day involves an MRI/fMRI scan of the brain at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, CT. For their participation, individuals will receive a \$200 stipend as well as a neuropsychological report from a licensed psychologist detailing the participant's test results.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Molly Helt, our research coordinator, at 860-486-0828, or at molly.helt@uconn.edu. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. We look forward working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Deborah Fein & Colleagues
Professor of Psychology
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