

**Name of Study:** The Understanding Autism Project

**Institution:** Columbia University

**Location:** Web-based survey, no geographical limitation.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Parents/guardians of children of any age with an Autism Spectrum Disorder

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**Survey Link:** <http://autismlifehistories.org/>

Dear Parent,

The purpose of this online survey is to learn about how you recognized your child's autism, sought professional help and navigated the service system. We hope that these stories help us arrive at a better understanding of the difficulties of the road to diagnosis and service provision. Such understanding can help in the long run to improve services for individuals and their families.

This survey should take 10-20 minutes to complete. Your responses are anonymous. You are not required to answer all questions and may feel free to leave the study at any time.

If you are interested in participating, please click on the following study link:

<http://autismlifehistories.org/>

If you have any questions, please email us at: [understandingautism@columbia.edu](mailto:understandingautism@columbia.edu)

Sincerely,

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