

Name of Study: Local and Global Processing in Children with ASD

Institution: Boston College

Location: Boston College or your home

Eligibility Criteria: Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ages 6-12

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Dear Parents:

Your child is invited to participate in our research exploring visual-spatial strengths in children with autism. We know that autistic children often have strong visual-spatial skills. This study will help parents discover whether their child has artistic strengths. If a child is found to have artistic ability, this is a strength that can be built on and that can bring joy and self-esteem to the child.

Your child will be asked to make a paper-and-pencil drawing from observation for 15 minutes, and complete some game-like puzzles and spatial tasks. The total amount of time required for this study is about 1.5-2.0 hours, and we give children breaks whenever they wish.

Children who participate in the study will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Amazon.com. All children receive an electronic copy of their drawing in a jpeg file, which can then be printed and framed, and a certificate of completion.

You may bring your child to our child-friendly lab at Boston College or, if you prefer, we can come to your home.

If you are interested in participating, or simply in learning more about this study, please contact Jennifer Drake by phone 617-552-8812 or e-mail artsmindlab@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Ellen Winner, Professor of Psychology

Jennifer Drake, Doctoral Candidate in Developmental Psychology

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