

Name of Study: Attentional Gating in Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

Institution: Suffolk University

Location: Boston, MA, or Nashua, NH

Eligibility Criteria: Children with ASD (Autism, Asperger's Syndrome or PDD-NOS), aged 8-11

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Dear Parents:

This study should help us develop a better understanding of how visual attention differs in children with and without Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). We hope that this information will lead to the development of better methods for educating and interacting with individuals with ASD.

In this study we will use pencil and paper and computer tests to study attention in children with and without ASD. This study will be performed either in Boston, MA, or Nashua, NH. Testing should take approximately one to one and a half hours and will be done in one session when possible. Testing will be done at your convenience and can be arranged for afternoon/evening or weekend hours. Your child will earn stickers throughout testing and a prize worth approximately \$10 or a \$10 gift card at the end of the study.

Group data will be supplied at the end of the study and data for individual participants will be kept confidential.

Your child's participation in our study is greatly appreciated. If your child has been diagnosed with Autism, Aspergers or PDD-NOS please contact Rebecca McLean at (603) 361-2064 or via e-mail at rladams@suffolk.edu.

Thank you,

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