

Name of Study: ACE Network: A Comprehensive Approach to the Identification of Autism Susceptibility Genes

Institution: Washington University School of Medicine

Location: St. Louis, MO

Eligibility Criteria: African-American families with at least one child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (between the ages of 3-21) and one biological parent.

Principal Investigator: Dr. John Constantino, MD

Contact Information: Intake Team phone: (314) 286-0068

Dear Parent,

I am writing this letter to offer your child an opportunity to participate in a research study at Washington University School of Medicine. The study examines how subtle social impairments accumulate in families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), which is a critical step in determining how autism is transmitted from generation to generation.

The study takes place over two appointments. It involves completing diagnostic and cognitive assessments, some of which will be videotaped, having photographs taken, and the collection of blood samples that will be sent to Rutgers University for genetic testing.

Families will be compensated \$250.00 for their time. You will also receive a summary report upon request.

If you are interested in participating, please contact our Intake Team, Teddi Gray, Kelley Jackson or Stephanie Brown at (314) 286-0086.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. We look forward working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Constantino, MD

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