

Name of Study: Infant Sibling Project

Location: Boston University School of Medicine and Children's Hospital Boston, Boston, Massachusetts

Eligibility Criteria: Babies aged 6 months or younger who have an older sibling with:

- an Autism Spectrum Disorder
- a language disorder
- no developmental disabilities

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Dear Parent,

At Boston University Medical Center, we are studying the development of language, social and communication skills in infants 3 to 18 months. In collaboration with Children's Hospital, Boston we are looking to expand participation in this project and are actively seeking to enroll parents of children with autism who are pregnant or have an infant aged 6 months or younger. If selected for the study, we will measure your baby's response to pictures and sounds using non-invasive methods. He or she will play with toys, and interact with experienced professionals. Parents will be invited to keep a home diary about their children's developing skills. Babies usually love it and parents find the feedback extremely informative. Babies who participate are monitored closely for any signs of autism from birth to 18 months, and beyond. We will also like to interview you and see your older child during one visit.

For more information, please contact:

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

Sincerely,

Helen Tager-Flusberg

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