

Name of Study: Toddler Talk Project

Location: Early Autism Communication Research Clinic, Waisman Center, Madison, WI

Eligibility Criteria: Children diagnosed or suspected to be on the autism spectrum between the ages of 24-36 months from English speaking homes

Principal Investigator: Dr. Susan Ellis Weismer, Ph.D.

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Dear Parent,

The Toddler Talk Project, a federally-funded longitudinal study examining early communication skills in children is excited to announce the formation of a diagnostic research clinic. The Early Autism Communication Research Clinic (EACRC), located in the Waisman Center will provide children between the ages of 24 and 36 months participating in the research project with a free developmental evaluation performed by an experienced psychologist. Families will also receive information about their child's speech and language development. This assessment may yield an autism diagnosis that can qualify the child for a waiver for intervention services.

Families may also receive up to \$270 for their participation, and travel will be reimbursed for those living more than 20 miles from the Waisman Center. Childcare during the sessions for participants' siblings is also available. There is no charge to participate in the study.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Sheri Stronach, our research specialist, at EACRC@waisman.wisc.edu or (608) 263-3123. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. We look forward to the opportunity of working with you soon.

Sincerely,

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