

## RESEARCHERS TAKE MANY APPROACHES TO IMPROVE LIVES OF PEOPLE WITH AUTISM AND THEIR FAMILIES

### Researchers at CSUN Seek Survey Participants for Study of Repetitive Behaviors

Researchers at Cal State University Northridge, in collaboration with Brenda Miranda and Dr. Debra Malmberg, are currently recruiting parents and caregivers of individuals with ASD (ages 2-18) for a study on family experiences with ritualistic and repetitive behavior. The study seeks to better understand the challenges of family life when a child with autism displays some of these behaviors, with the goal of developing effective intervention support.

This study involves completing an online survey that takes approximately 15-20 minutes. To participate go to <https://www.psychsurveys.org/csun/autism>.

### UCLA Researchers Seek Children with Autism Age 2-18 for Various Studies

If you have a child with autism between the ages of 2 and 18 years, he or she may be eligible to participate in one of many research studies being conducted at UCLA's Center for Autism Research and Treatment.

For example, researchers at UCLA are working together with Washington University in St. Louis and the Interactive Autism Network (IAN) to encourage families nationwide to share their stories about how autism has affected their lives. The IAN is an online project that brings together thousands of people nationwide

affected by autism spectrum disorders and hundreds of researchers to search for answers. People with autism and their families can share information in a secure setting to become part of the study. They hope that data collected will help not only researchers gather information, but aid community leaders in advocating for services and resources.

For more information on research being conducted at UCLA contact [info@ucla.edu](mailto:info@ucla.edu) or visit their Web site at [www.autism.ucla.edu](http://www.autism.ucla.edu).

### In Northern California, the M.I.N.D. Institute Studies Neurodevelopmental Disorders

Researchers at the UC Davis M.I.N.D. Institute are conducting studies to learn about child development and developmental problems. The research team recruits children of all ages with either typical or delayed development to participate in their clinical research program. Participation for Southern California families may be difficult, but to learn more, contact Taylor Rios at (916) 703-0320 or visit their Web site listed below.

The Web site of the UC Davis M.I.N.D. Institute for Medical Investigation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders contains information about neurodevelopmental research, lectures from their speaker series, and reports of research findings. Visit their site at [www.mindinstitute.org](http://www.mindinstitute.org) ■