

Recruitment Letter to Parent Groups- passed on to families

To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Communication Sciences at the University of Vermont is currently seeking volunteers for participation in a study, which will seek to validate a parent-informant measure of children's theory of mind (ToM) development called the Perceptions of Children's Theory of Mind Measure – Revised (PCToMM-R).

Participants

Approximately 30 families and children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) will be selected to participate in this study. Children with ASD will be between the ages of 2 and 17 years.

Procedure and Purpose

Parents will be asked to complete a demographic questionnaire, the PCToMM-R, and The Carey Temperament Scales (approximately 20-25 minutes total). Children with ASD will be asked to complete a Theory of Mind (ToM) task battery and a measure of receptive vocabulary (the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test (PPVT)-4; approximately 20 minutes total). Data will be collected in families' homes at a time that is most convenient to the parents and child. Parents will also be provided an additional copy of the PCToMM-R and asked to complete and return the form in a self-addressed stamped envelop in 2 or 6 weeks for the purposes of exploring test-retest reliability.

If you are interested in participating or know of any other families with children with ASD who may be interested in participating, please direct inquiries to Dr. Patricia Prelock (656-2529; pprelock@uvm.edu) or Dr. Tiffany Hutchins (425-5655; thutchin@uvm.edu) at the University of Vermont. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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