

Sheila Wagner with Emory Resource Center is involved in a research project looking to find genetics answers in regards to autism. She is seeking families to participate. Please pass on the info below to families who have a child with autism. The criteria to participate is listed below as well as Sheila Wagner's contact info.

The project needs families that meet these criteria:

1. There must be only one child with a diagnosis of ASD (any of the 3 - autism, AS, PDD-NOS) in the family
2. The child with ASD must be 4 years or older
3. Other family members - siblings and parents, must be unaffected (not have any characteristics) by ASD in any form
4. All family members must be willing to have blood drawn (they have a fantastic person that has worked with kids with autism for a long time and does it beautifully)

The family would get at NO COST:

1. A full, comprehensive diagnostic work-up
2. Cognitive testing
3. Adaptive testing
4. Medical exam
5. Breif report
6. And most importantly, the knowledge that they are contributing to the latest in the field of autism research, trying to find out the causes of this disability.

This is truly, a worthy project. We really need, and want families to participate - this is a very important mission. Participation would involve a two day commitment and blood draws from all immediate family members. Families that are wanting to participate (please!), please call Tracy Cermack at 404-304-0513 or email her at tcermak@emory.edu

Please pass this information on to anyone that you think might be interested. I'd like to see hundreds of emails going out around the state. Families that have children with autism in this state are very involved and committed to finding the answers to this disability. So please pass this information around to any and all.

Thank you so much for reading all this, and I really hope that we can get families involved quickly. I appreciate all you can do to get this word out.

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