

Current Research Study Opportunities:

***If you are interested in having your research project listed in the weekly e-blast, please contact info@autismofpa.org or complete and email this form: <http://autism-support.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/EBLAST-RESEARCH-Listing-Guidelines-2013.pdf>*

PERSPECTIVES PROGRAM

The Perspectives Program at the University of Pittsburgh is a non-drug research intervention study designed to meet the unique needs of adults with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Individuals with ASD, ages 16-45, are now being accepted for an upcoming group. All participants will receive one of two interventions, Cognitive Enhancement Therapy, or Enriched Supportive Therapy at no cost. Participants must be able to come to the University of Pittsburgh on a weekly basis for 18 months. New sessions will be starting soon. Current groups **are** full, interested participants will be placed on a waiting list and contacted when new sessions begin

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PARENT TRAINING FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

We are looking for families to participate in a research study that uses parent training to reduce behavior problems in children with autism spectrum disorders. To be eligible to participate in the study your child must have an autism spectrum diagnosis, be between 3 and 7 years of age and have significant behavioral issues (tantrums, noncompliance, aggression).

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PITTSBURGH EARLY AUTISM STUDY

Our research study is seeking infants up to 3 months of age who have an older sibling diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or an older sibling who is considered typically developing. Pregnant women who already have a child can also inquire. Beginning at 2.5 months of age, we will observe your baby reaching for and playing with toys. We will follow infants until 3 years of age to assess how early motor skills relate to the development of communication and language. We will also administer standardized developmental measures at some visits. Project visits will take place in your home.

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AUTISM PARENT-CHILD INTERACTION THERAPY PROJECT (PCIT)

UPMC Center for Autism & Developmental Disorders at the Merck Child Outpatient Clinic is conducting a research study to examine the effectiveness of PCIT. PCIT involves working directly with parents and their children to teach specific skills related to cooperative play and learning how to follow adult requests. Children who have a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, have difficulty following adult requests, and are between ages 2.6 and 6.11 years of age should participate. The study will involve 16 weekly sessions.

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