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Dear Parent,

We are writing to invite you and your child to participate in a new study in the Center for Children and Families at the University of Notre Dame. In this new study we are trying to understand how children with autism spectrum disorders and typically developing children perform on a range of tasks measuring language comprehension abilities. We are currently enrolling adolescents with high-functioning autism, Asperger syndrome, or PDD, and also typically developing (non-autistic) adolescents, who are 6 to 17 years old.

If you and your child decide to participate, you will be asked to come to the University of Notre Dame's Center for Children and Families for one testing session. The session will take approximately 2-3 hours and will involve a number of tasks that measure how well your child understands what other people say, and also a full diagnostic, cognitive, and language evaluation. We will pay your child \$15 an hour for participating.

If you would like more information about his study, or think you and your child would be interested in participating, please contact Dr. Joshua Diehl at 574-631-0958. Please feel free to leave a message on our voicemail if we are not available.

Thank you for your time, and your support of our research at the University of Notre Dame.

Sincerely,

Joshua John Diehl, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of Psychology  
Director, F.U.N. Lab

# Can you help us understand Autism?

## Come to the **F.U.N. Lab!**

- What:** ~ Research study looking at language comprehension
- ~ Involves 2-3 hours of testing, includes full diagnostic, cognitive, and language assessment
- ~ Participants receive \$15 an hour

- Who:** ~ Children & Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders (including Asperger Syndrome and PDD)
- ~ Ages 6-17
- ~ Native English speakers

- Where:** ~ University of Notre Dame, Center for Children and Families
- ~ Laboratory **F**or **U**nderstanding **N**eurodevelopment, or "**F.U.N. Lab**"

Interested? Call us at 631-0958, or email us at [fun.lab@nd.edu](mailto:fun.lab@nd.edu) or visit our website at [www.nd.edu/~jdiehl1/Home.htm](http://www.nd.edu/~jdiehl1/Home.htm) for more information

*\*\*\*This study has been approved by the University of Notre Dame Human Subjects Review Board, HSIRB #10-033, and is run by Professor Joshua Diehl\*\*\**