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Seeking Families with Adolescents on the Autism Spectrum for Research Studies on Personality and Social Communication

As part of concurrent research studies at Ball State University, we are looking for families with adolescent boys or girls on the autism spectrum who would be willing to complete questionnaires related to personality and social communication.

- We are looking for boys and girls ages 12 through 18 who have received either (1) a medical diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified, or (2) special education services under the Autism Spectrum Disorder eligibility category, and (3) who read at or above the 4th grade level.
- The purpose of this research is to evaluate responses to questions about motivation, thoughts, feelings, and behaviors of adolescents with ASD in order to identify a profile associated with aspects of autism and other common co-occurring conditions, such as depression and anxiety. Such a profile might help clinicians identify individuals on the autism spectrum as well as co-occurring conditions that might also affect these individuals.
- Adolescent participants will be asked to complete a survey measure with questions about their thoughts, feelings, behavior, and motivation. Parents of participants will be asked to complete a survey measure with questions about their adolescents' social communication behaviors.
- If participants' reading level is not documented, they will be asked to complete a brief reading assessment as well.
- The study questionnaires should take about an hour to complete and can be completed in person or by mail.

Each participant will receive a \$15 iTunes gift card after completing the questionnaires. All participants will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win one of six \$100 VISA gift cards once data collection has been completed.

If you would like more information about the studies or are interested in participating, please contact Elizabeth Hooks (enhooks@bsugmail.net) or Liz Freeman-Floyd (lfreemanfloyd@bsu.edu).