

Parent Involvement Project

Michigan State University Autism Research Lab

Parent involvement in intervention is key to improving outcomes for children with ASD. This project, funded by the US Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau, is designed to measure the effectiveness of different components of an internet-based program designed to improve parent involvement in intervention for families of young children with ASD. Since all training will be administered remotely, families do not need to live near the research site.

Participating families will be administered a variety of standardized, observational, and parent report assessments at intake, after approximately 5 months, and at a 3 month follow-up to determine gains in skills over time. Families will be provided with an assessment report of the child's developmental skills and will be compensated \$25 for each assessment period (\$75 total). Participation will take approximately nine months.



Families will be randomly assigned to a self-directed training group, a therapist-assisted training group, or a web-based information and support group. Participation is free and all required software and hardware will be provided at no cost.

To participate, your child must:

- have a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder (autism, pdd-nos)
- be between the ages of 18 and 72 months at intake
- meet other inclusion criteria

If you have questions about participation, please contact Nikki Bonter at bonterni@msu.edu or 517-432-8031.