



Did you KNOW that 1 in 150 individuals are diagnosed with Autism?

We need your help.....

We need families to participate in our study- perhaps you know someone who has a child diagnosed with autism? Perhaps you are on a committee that might know of someone who is affected.....or perhaps YOU have a family member with autism.....

The Simons Simplex Collection is a bold new initiative to search for the causes of autism. Researchers at 13 sites in North America, including the Thompson Center in Columbia Missouri, will collect DNA samples from families with just one child affected by an autism spectrum disorder. This valuable data will be available to the best scientific minds in the world to search for clues that will lead to important breakthroughs.

A Complicated Challenge, A Focused Response

Earlier efforts studied multiplex families, (families with more than one child with autism). This study is different. It is focused on families with just one child with autism, (simplex families). ***This will provide insight into the most common and unexplained form of Autism!*** This comes at an exciting time in history, in which there have been breakthroughs in gene mapping, advancement of high-tech tools, and the latest brain research present a unique opportunity for progress!



FREE behavioral assessments including:

Cognitive, Neuropsychological, social & communication, physical examination!

(For the child with ASD)

Eligibility Requirements:

- You have only **one** child with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), between the ages of 4 and 17 years
- **If** you have additional child(ren) ages 4 years or older, they must be without ASD or significant developmental delays
- **Both** biological parents are willing to participate

Research Components: (all at no-cost to the family)

1. **Families will participate** in a variety of assessments: diagnostic, interviews, neuropsychological.
2. All family members will have a **blood test**, a source of DNA. (full confidentiality)
3. **Involves a single visit** in our center in Columbia Missouri!

If your family is interested in learning more about the Simons Simplex Collection contact:

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