

PARENTS OF CHILDREN (Ages 9-13) WITH NEUROFIBROMATOSIS-1

HELP US LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S ABILITIES AND SOCIAL SKILLS

Purpose:

We are interested in learning more about the social, cognitive, and emotional abilities of children with neurofibromatosis-1. Research has suggested that children with NF1 experience an elevated rate of social difficulties in comparison to same-aged peers. There have also been suggestions in the research literature that children with neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1) are at increased risk for autism spectrum disorders (ASD), but not a lot of few systematic studies of studies of ASD symptoms in children with NF1. We are hoping to learn more!

Who can participate?

Children between the ages of 9 and 13 who have been diagnosed with NF-1 and speak English as their primary language. Children who have undergone surgery, radiation, or chemotherapy within the last 6 months are not eligible to participate.

What does participation involve?

Participation takes up to 4.5 hours. The researcher will complete tasks with your child to look at reasoning, social skills, pragmatic language abilities, attention, and executive functioning skills. You will be asked to complete questionnaires about your child's behavior, emotions, temperament, and attention and will be interviewed about your child's behavior and social functioning and to provide questionnaires to your child's teacher to complete during the school year. All child sessions will be videotaped.

Benefits: Your child will choose a book to take home and you will receive a \$30 gift card. You may also request a summary of your child's performance on the developmental testing measures.

Where? If there is enough participant interest, the research team will be traveling to **your area** in the summer and fall. (Please call to indicate your interest so that we can coordinate.) Research sessions will take place in a quiet hotel conference room that is centrally located for families where we can have the dedicated quiet space and the necessary electronic equipment.

Research sessions for families living in or around the **Milwaukee area** will take place at the Child Neurodevelopment Research Lab at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, where we have the dedicated quiet space and the necessary electronic equipment. It may be possible to arrange to conduct 1 hour of the research in a quiet space in your home.

When? Sessions can take place during the week (day or evening) or on weekends.

To participate, please contact the Child Neurodevelopment Research Lab at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee at (414) 229-2586. We look forward to hearing from you!

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