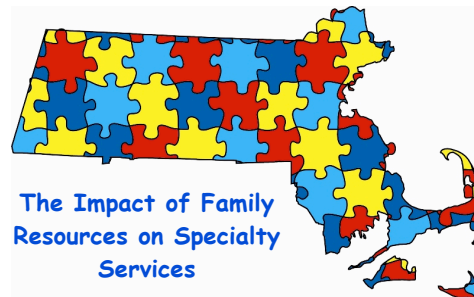


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Dear Parent/Guardian,

My name is Jillian Bennett. I am a doctoral student in the Psychology Department at the University of Massachusetts Boston. I am currently doing a research project and would like to get parents involved who have children (24-30 month old) in Specialty Services for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Massachusetts. I am interested in how family resources (like geographic location, education, and health insurance status- to name a few) may affect how quickly your child gets diagnosed, how quickly your child gets services, the kinds of services your child receives, and how much intervention your child gets. The project will be completed over the course of about 6 months and would involve either you filling out surveys and mailing them back to me or me reading you survey questions over the phone. You will be asked to complete one questionnaire packet as soon as possible and the other one in six months. You will be given \$10.00 for each packet, 2 small gifts for your child over the course of the 6 months, and a summary of how your child is doing based on the results of the study.

If you have a child with an autism spectrum disorder who is 24-30 months old and enrolled in a Specialty Service Program and this study sounds like something you may be interested in or you might like to know more about, please check how would you like to be contacted:

- Phone
- Mail
- Email
- Come to my home in person

By giving me your information, you are only saying that it is okay for me to contact you about the study. You are not agreeing to participate. After I contact you with the details of the study, you can decide if you would like to be a part of the research project. If you decide not to participate after you have sent this form in, the information you give below will be destroyed immediately.

If you would like to be contacted with more information about participating in the study, please give me the following:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Please print, complete, and mail to: University of Massachusetts Boston; Department of Psychology; Attention: Jillian Bennett; 100 Morrissey Blvd; Boston, MA 02125. If you have any questions in the mean time, please call me at 617-287-6318 or email me at jillian.bennett@yahoo.com.