Recruitment Flyer

African American Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Needed for Research on Experiences Accessing Services



Hello! My name is Jamie Pearson and I am a doctoral student in Special Education at The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. My advisor is Dr. Hedda Meadan. We are looking for participants for an exciting research project that will focus on the experiences of African American parents gaining access to services for their children who have ASD. We have described the study below and hope that you will contact us if you would like to participate in this project or if you have any questions.

Title of the Project: African American Parents' Experiences Accessing Services for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

About the Project: As a participant, you will complete two 10-minute surveys and be interviewed face-to-face for approximately one hour. This will help us to understand of the experiences of African American Families when accessing services in school and outside of school for children with ASD. We believe that your experiences will help to inform the practices in schools and homes, particularly for children of color with autism.

Potential Participants: Please consider participating in this study if:

- 1. You are an African American parent or caregiver of an African American child who has a primary diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder,
- 2. Your child is in **grades K-5** at a public school in Illinois and qualifies for special education and related services, **AND**
- 3. Your total yearly family income is more than \$27,910

In appreciation for your time, you will receive \$50 for participating in this study.

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Thank you for considering participating in our project!!!