

What Will Your Family Gain From Taking Part in SEED?

- \$10, if you contact us to answer a few questions to find out if you and your child qualify for SEED.
- Gift cards throughout the study to compensate you and your child for your time and effort.
- A total of \$200 or \$325 in gift cards if you complete all parts of the study.
- It will depend on how much we ask you to do. We can tell you the total you will receive on our first call with you, after you answer some questions about your child.
- A free developmental evaluation for your child and a summary of the results.
- Expert information on child development in study newsletters.

Thousands of children and their parents are already participating in SEED. It is one of the largest studies on ASDs and developmental disabilities in the nation.



Georgia

Eligible participants are children living in Cobb, Clayton, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett counties.

Georgia SEED is being done by:

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Developmental Disabilities
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*Help us learn more about
child development.*

SEED

Study to
Explore Early
Development



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What is SEED?

SEED stands for Study to Explore Early Development.

SEED is a ground breaking research study with the goals of learning:

- What causes developmental delays among children.
- What causes autism spectrum disorders (ASDs).
- What the common traits are among children with ASDs.
- What health conditions occur among children with ASDs and other developmental delays.
- How genes and the environment affect a child's development.

Who can be a part of SEED?

SEED will include children who:

- Were born in and currently live in one of the six SEED study areas.
- Are 2 through 5 years of age.

Many different children will be eligible

- Children with ASDs.
- Children with other developmental disabilities.
- Children without developmental disabilities.

It is important for all invited families to take part so we can learn more about differences in child development.

What Will You Be Asked To Do?

SEED has several steps : They will be scheduled for your convenience

- Taking part in a short telephone interview (lasting about 15 minutes) about your child's development.
- Taking part in a second telephone interview (lasting about an hour) to ask questions about your pregnancy and the health of your child.
- Filling out some paper and pencil questionnaires about your child's development and your family's health. These can be done at home alone or with help from study staff over the telephone or in person.
- Visiting our study clinic to let us evaluate your child's development. We use standard methods that involve playing games with your child and asking you questions. Some children will need more evaluation time than others. You will be told how much time to plan before your visit.
- Letting us take simple measurements of your child, such as height and weight.
- Letting us collect small samples of saliva from you and your child. If you are comfortable, we also would like to collect a small sample of blood from you and your child.
- Letting us collect small samples of saliva and blood from your child's father, if he is willing.
- Giving permission to us to review your medical records related to your pregnancy and your child's medical records.



All steps in SEED are completely voluntary.

Families are encouraged to do as much as they can.

Any information you give to SEED will be kept strictly private. It will never be shared with anyone else. Only SEED staff will be able to look at your medical records or any other information you give us.