

Attachment 3.a.3 – Invitation Letter Version 3 – MD and PA SEED participants

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Dear <Name>,

In <year>, you and your child, <name>, participated in the Study to Explore Early Development (SEED). We appreciate your previous contributions to SEED and are excited about the things we are learning. To learn more about the SEED research findings so far, please visit our website: <website>

We are also now beginning a new phase of SEED – **the SEED Teen Follow-up Study (SEED Teen)**. We hope you will join us again. SEED Teen will help us understand the health and development of teenagers with and without ASD.

SEED Teen is funded by the national **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**. SEED staff from the CDC and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) are working together to conduct the study. We have also partnered with two other SEED sites – Johns Hopkins University in Maryland and University of Pennsylvania and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Thus, SEED Teen will include families from four sites in Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania.

If you agree to take part in SEED Teen, you will be asked to complete two questionnaires about your child’s health and development. We know your time is valuable. If you agree to take part in this study, you will receive \$30 <cash card OR money order> to thank you for your time.

Your participation in SEED Teen is completely voluntary. **Any information that you give us about you or your child will be kept private.**

We will contact you soon to discuss SEED Teen. **Please watch for a call from UNC (919 area code) so we can talk with you about this new study.** If your contact information has changed since <YEAR>, please send us updated information using the enclosed card or by visiting our website, calling us, or emailing us. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about SEED Teen or to let us know if you don’t want to participate. **See the back of this letter for ways to contact us.**

The results of SEED Teen will help us learn more about teen development overall and could lead to better services for teens with ASD and other developmental disabilities. We hope that you will help us with this important research.

Sincerely,

<site project coordinator>

To learn more about the study, choose one of these:



Call us, toll free, at 1-866-633-8003

If we can't get to the phone when you call, leave us a message with your name, your child's name and the phone number to call you back.



Visit our website at [www.NCSEEDTeen.org](http://www.NCSEEDTeen.org)

On the right, click the Interest Form button and answer the questions. We will call you within a couple days of getting your form.

On the form you will be asked for a "source code" to help us know where you are from.

Your SOURCE CODE is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Source code/ID



Email us at [SEED@unc.edu](mailto:SEED@unc.edu)

In your email, let us know how to contact you - a phone number is best.

Put this SOURCE CODE in your message so we know where you are from:

Your SOURCE CODE is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Source code/ID