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Dear caregiver(s),

Would you be interested in taking part in a study to find out about the experiences of children and their families living with autism?

Study Name: Changes in Autism?

Description: The purpose of this study is to find out about the experiences of children and their families living with autism. We conducted a similar survey 10 years ago, and we are interested in possible changes that might exist with respect to methods of diagnosis, as well as differences in assessment, treatment and type of educational services available for school-aged children on the autism spectrum. You will be asked to respond to questions about your child, including their behavioural characteristics, the diagnosis they have received, services available, treatments received and educational experiences.

Eligibility Requirements: Participants must be a caregiver with a child on the autism spectrum.

Duration and Locale: The survey will be up and running until approximately March 1st. For your answers to be included, it would be appreciated if the survey could be completed by this date. The survey is online so participants can complete it in a place of their choice, either on their computer, laptop, phone or similar device. The complete questionnaire usually takes about 60 minutes to complete.

Compensation: There is no compensation for taking part in this survey.

Researchers:

The following researchers are involved in this study, and you can contact them if you have any questions about the study:

- Shelby Anderson, Honours Thesis Student, at shelbyanderson@email.carleton.ca
- Dr. June Pimm, Research Co-Supervisor, Adjunct Professor, at june.pimm@sympatico.ca
- Dr. Anne Bowker, Research Co-Supervisor, Associate Professor, at 613-520-2600 x 8218, or at anne.bowker@carleton.ca

This study has received clearance by the Carleton University Research Ethics Board-B. (Ethics Approval Number 15-238)

Participation is entirely voluntary and you will be asked for your consent to be part of the study. To continue, please click on this link which will take you to the online survey:

[Link to study for caregivers here.](#)

Thank you for considering this request to be part of our research.

Yours sincerely,

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