

Study Information for Service Providers

Study Title: Evaluating reading performance in children with PAE/ FASD

Hello,

We are writing to let you know that we are going to be running a research study at the University of Guelph. The study seeks to better understand reading difficulties experienced by school-age children with prenatal alcohol exposure (PAE) or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD). Children with PAE and FASD experience high rates of academic difficulties, and we are trying to better understand rates of reading difficulties and factors that may contribute to observed reading difficulties in children with PAE/FASD. Participants will have an opportunity to receive a list of general research-informed recommendations to support reading development.

This project has been reviewed by the Research Ethics Board for compliance with federal guidelines for research involving human participants (REB #23-04-018).

Who can get involved in this research?

We are looking for school-age children ages 8-12 years, with or without PAE/FASD, to participate in our study.

Participants also must speak English as their primary language and be able to attend an in-person testing session at the University of Guelph.

What does participation involve?

Participating in this study will involve completing tasks that look at how people think and solve problems. Caregivers of participants will also be asked to answer questions related to the participant's background/demographic information and their child's behaviour and emotions. Participants will receive \$20 for their participation over one or more sessions, lasting around 2 hours. Participation will take place at the University of Guelph.

What are we asking you to do?

We are asking for your help to identify people who may be eligible to participate. Please tell caregivers about the research and give them a copy of the enclosed flyer. If they are interested in learning more, they can contact us directly. **Caregivers of potential participants should know that the decision to speak with a member of the research team in no way impacts their care in your service and will remain private.** Participants who agree to share their information with the study team are free to change their mind and may not necessarily meet with us. Those who meet with us may not ultimately participate in this research. We cannot reveal any information about their involvement in this research, including whether they decided to meet with us about the study. We appreciate your willingness to tell people about the research. We are always here to answer questions that you may have, or answer questions from potential participants.

Who is running the study?

This study is being run by graduate students and Dr. Kaitlyn McLachlan from the Department of Psychology at the University of Guelph.

Interested individuals can contact us directly at (519) 824-4120 ext 53622 or by email, planlab@uoguelph.ca.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

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