

# Our Investment in Autism is Strong

#### **Citizens**

Autism affects children and adults across North Carolina. They are entitled to excellent services and community support.

#### **Public Support**

In 1972, the NC legislature began funding the TEACCH Autism Program to provide specialized services for people with autism across the lifespan.

#### **National Research Leadership**

Since 1963, UNC has been funded for developmental disabilities research, clinical services, and leadership training. Expert scientists at UNC have contributed to important knowledge about autism.

### **Progress**

Together, North Carolina parents, selfadvocates, organizations, professionals, and researchers are working for understanding and acceptance of autism.

#### **Research Involvement**

By participating in research, you can be a part of something bigger to help others in the future.

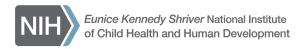


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cidd.unc.edu/registry/autism

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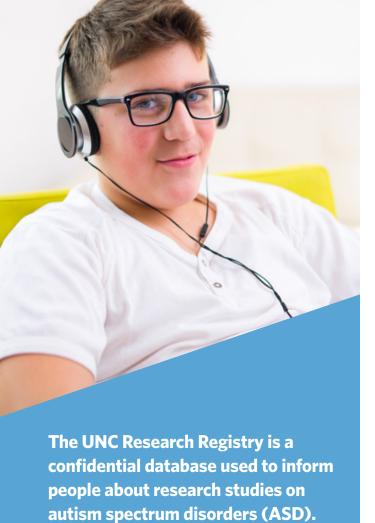
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# Research participants are helping us gain new knowledge about autism.

Our researchers are caring people dedicated to improving supports and services for individuals and families affected by autism. They are among the nation's leading experts.

# **Joining is Free and Easy**

You can register:

- Online at cidd.unc.edu/registry/autism
- During a visit to the UNC CIDD in Chapel Hill
- During a visit to a regional TEACCH Center

Children and adults with a professional diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder may enroll.

You can be involved in a variety of ways: surveys, virtually, in your community, or in-person.

#### **Benefits of Registry Membership**

- You will be connected to the UNC research community and learn about new studies.
- Many who have been involved in our studies say it was enjoyable and rewarding.
- You will receive updates with research findings.
- Studies may offer compensation and pay for travel expenses.

### **Study Contacts**

The Registry will contact you about studies by mail, email or phone. Referrals are confidential and information about you is never released without your consent.

We will provide information about each study so you can make an informed decision about participating.

#### **Areas of Research Include**

- Early development
- Sex and gender differences
- Improving services and supports
- Mental health and medical needs
- Transition to adulthood and aging
- Environmental and genetic factors