



Wanted:
Parents of children
with Autism
Spectrum for
Research Study

We are looking for parents of children with autism spectrum to participate in a study that has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at Florida International University. The purpose of this study is to examine your knowledge level regarding child abuse and your concern about your child's safety. You will also be asked about your comfort level with providing sexual education and sexual abuse prevention information to your child. Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other disabilities have been found to be at an increased risk for abuse, but there are few programs to help parents talk to their children about this problem. This study seeks to determine how big of a concern sexual victimization is to you and how willing you are to talk to your child about it.

Your participation will require approximately 15-20 minutes, which will be spent responding to questions in an online questionnaire. If you agree to be in the study, we will ask you to do the complete questionnaire and also provide some information about yourself and your child. All of the information will be confidential and there will be no identifying information used.

We are hopeful that the results of this study will help us learn more about what parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder are concerned about regarding sexuality education. This information can help inform future programming for parents.

If you are interested, please e mail Dr. Maureen Kenny at kennym@fiu.edu or

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