

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Easterseals is currently conducting a study **to assess the most effective modality for videoconference sessions for your child**. We would like to invite you to participate in a study being conducted by the Easterseals Research Division.

- The purpose of this study is to examine if responding to mastered instructions via videoconference differs when the image size, volume, contrast, and other aspects of it resemble the natural environment more compared to in person sessions.

Purpose



- The primary benefit of the study is potentially identifying the most effective modality of videoconference sessions to use with your child for future sessions and provide a comparison with in person responsiveness.
- Other benefits may include continued skill growth and/or maintenance of already learned skills across various electronic platforms.

Participant



- There are no additional risks associated with participating in this study that are greater than participating in therapy sessions.
- Potential risks could include discomfort associated with interactions with the clinical team in an unfamiliar way (e.g., computer screen).

Risks to Participation



- The study will be conducted outside of regular ABA sessions for free Behavior Interventionists or a member of the research team.
- Data from in-person therapy sessions will be used to provide a comparison with in-person instructions.
- Your Behavior Interventionist on the case will serve as the videoconference therapist as well.

Procedures



- All data obtained from this experiment will be confidential and none of your or your child's identifying information will be presented. All data will be maintained in a locked cabinet at an Easterseals facility or on an encrypted laptop and *will be kept in accordance with APA guidelines and will be HIPAA compliant.*
- All sessions will be provided on an encrypted live-stream service

Confidentiality



Alternatives to Participation: *Participation in this study is **voluntary**. You may withdraw from study participation at any time without any penalty.*

If you are interested in participating, either email Ms. Tabatha Titsworth at Tabatha.Titsworth@essc.org or notify your case BCBA or Program manager

Questions/Concerns:

If you have any questions, please contact, Easterseal's Director of Research, **Dr. Amin Duff Lotfizadeh** at amin.lotfizadeh@essc.org or (714) 425-5388.