



Dear Caregivers,

Easterseals is currently conducting a study **to assess telehealth-based methods to determine rewards that can be used to teach skills to kids with autism**. We would like to invite you to participate in a study being conducted by the Easterseals Research Division.

- Recent research has shown that telehealth can be an effective method for providing ABA therapy. **The purpose of this study is to assess the effectiveness of methods designed to determine reinforcers via telehealth and their effects on teaching social skills to kids with autism.**



Purpose:

- The potential benefits of the study are access to additional direct ABA appointments and could potentially include development of new skills and better maintenance of already learned skills.
- Sessions for this study will be provided free of charge.



Benefits to Participants:

- There are no known risks associated with participating in this study. Participants may experience mild discomfort associated with interacting online rather than in person. Appointments for the study are held in addition to services already received.



Risks to Participation:

- Experimental sessions will be conducted in addition to sessions run by the clinical staff, free of charge. The study intervention will be provided in addition to normally scheduled services.
- The study will take approximately 5-20 weeks. The study sessions will be conducted via telehealth for approximately 1-1.5 hours and 1-3 days per week.



Procedures:

- All data obtained from this experiment will be confidential and none of your or your child's identifying information will be used in this study. All data will be maintained in a locked cabinet at an Easterseals facility or on an encrypted laptop and *will be kept for a minimum of five years, per APA guidelines.*



Confidentiality:

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

Questions/Concerns:

If you have any questions, please contact, **Meghan Herron at Meghan.Herron@essc.org or (714) 697-6298**, or for any further questions, please contact *Easterseal's Director of Research, Dr. Amin D Lotfiadeh, at Amin.Lotfizadeh@essc.org or (714) 425-5388.*