



Dear Caregivers,

Easterseals is currently conducting a study **to test different methods to teach imitation.** We would like to invite your child to participate in a study to analyze the effects of mirrors in teaching imitation being conducted by the Easterseals Research Division.



Purpose

- The purpose of this study is to analyze various methods to teach imitation with mirrors



Procedures

- Your child will be asked to copy a model engaging in various movements while they standing in front of a mirror
- **WHERE:** Experimental sessions will take place during typical therapy sessions, or outside of sessions free of charge
- **TIME COMMITMENT:** This study should be able to be complete within 60 days from beginning to end



Risks

- There are no known risks
- There may be a risk of discomfort and tiredness from participant if child does not like prompts



Benefits

- Your child may learn to imitate others when presented with new tasks
- We hope to learn how and if mirror positions are significant while teaching this skill



Confidentiality

- Participation in this study will be protected information and will not be shared outside of the researchers involved in the study.
- Data obtained from this study will have any identifying information removed and may be used in other investigations without additional consent.
- All data will be maintained on an encrypted laptop and will be kept for a minimum of five years, per APA guidelines.

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 Easterseals' Vice President of Research, Dr. Amin D. Lotfizadeh, at Amin.Lotfizadeh@essc.org (714) 425-5388.

