



Dear Participants,

Easterseals is currently conducting a study **to evaluate methods to increase language skills in bilingual children diagnosed with autism**. We would like to invite you to participate in a study being conducted by the Easterseals Research Division.

•The research team is interested in identifying ways to increase language in bilingual children diagnosed with autism.
The purpose of this study is to teach English and Spanish language skills for children with disabilities.

Purpose



•The potential benefits of participating in this study may include increased functional communication, English and/or Spanish requesting across individuals, settings, and decrease in maladaptive behavior.

Benefits to Participants



•There are no risks associated with participation in this study.

Risks to Participants



- Participation in the study will consist of:
 - Teaching participants English and Spanish requests
 - Signing a consent form
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 - Submitting required documentation
- The expected duration of this study is approximately 2 months. Sessions will occur twice a week for 1 hour

Procedures



- The data obtained from this study will not and can not be used to evaluate participants' performance across any area of performance or for any type of evaluation purposes.
- All data obtained from this study will be confidential and none of your identifying information will be used in this study.
- All data will be maintained on an encrypted laptop and kept for a minimum of five years, per APA guidelines.

Confidentiality



Questions/Concerns:

If you have any questions, please contact, **Leslie Solares** at Leslie.b.solares@wmich.edu, or for any further questions, please contact *Easterseal's Vice President of Research*, **Dr. Amin D Lotfizadeh**, at Amin.Lotfizadeh@essc.org or (714) 425-5388.

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