

International Genetics Study on the Causes of Autism

THE SIMONS SIMPLEX COLLECTION

A bold initiative to uncover the causes of autism

Thirteen research sites across North America will collect DNA samples from families with one child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Your contribution will help scientists make important breakthroughs into the causes of ASD.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Families with one child aged 4 to 17 with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
- Both biological parents and siblings aged 4 or older willing to participate.
- Child with ASD and family relatives must be English speaking.

The **McGill University Health Centre (MUHC)** is pleased to be one of the sites working on this groundbreaking research.

Be one of 2000 families to participate in this important initiative and help us to uncover the causes of autism!

FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE:

- A written report and feedback
- A free assessment for the child with ASD

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

- Participating in a research assessment at the Montreal Children's Hospital.
- Family members donate blood, a source of DNA. The samples will be stored without identifying information to protect the privacy of individuals and families.



L'Hôpital de Montréal pour enfants
The Montreal Children's Hospital
Centre universitaire de santé McGill
McGill University Health Centre

For more information or to get involved contact:

Cara Schwartz, Project Coordinator
Montreal Children's Hospital
(514) 412-4400 extension 23325
cara.schwartz@muhc.mcgill.ca