



The National CADDRE Study: Child Development and Autism

The National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities
at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

FACT: Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) are serious developmental disabilities that effects social, communication, and behavioral development. An estimated 2-6 out of every 1000 children in the metropolitan Atlanta area have an ASD.

Due to increased public concern over ASD, the Children's Health Act of 2000 mandated the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to create research centers to investigate possible causes for ASD and related disabilities. CDC is now funding **Centers of Excellence for Autism and Developmental Disabilities Research and Epidemiology (CADDRE)** in California, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland/Delaware, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. The National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) is the CADDRE program in Georgia. For information click on: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/dd/ddautism.htm>.

NCBDDD will work with the other CADDRE centers to find causes of ASD or factors that make it more likely that a child will have an ASD. Families and children in the study may be asked to:

- Answer survey questions
- Participate in a child developmental evaluation
- Provide biologic samples for genetic analysis
- Allow study staff to look at select medical records

Children with ASD will be compared to children who do not have an ASD. Children 3–5 years old will be included in the study.

Sharing Information

The CADDRE program is committed to providing information about child development to families and local partners. We will share what is learned from these studies through mailings to ASD support groups, families, collaborating school systems, clinic partners, professional organizations, and the media. Information will also be shared through conferences, scientific publications, and the center's web site.

For further information, please contact:
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