Research Study at The Ohio State Nisonger Center: Now Recruiting Children and Adolescents with ASD

**Study Overview**
Researchers would like to learn about certain emotions and behaviors in children and adolescents with ASD.

Families will be invited to take part in 1-3 visits at The Ohio State Nisonger Center.

**Initial Assessment:** Parents will complete interviews and questionnaires while their child completes a diagnostic and cognitive assessment. The visit will take between 3-4 hours to complete; this visit can be split up into two appointments if time is an issue for child or family.

**2 Follow up Visits:** If your child is eligible, you will be invited back to The Nisonger Center for two additional visits where you will repeat parent questionnaires. Each visit will take about 1 hour.

**Physiological Assessment:** Some children will be invited to participate in an assessment of heart rate. During this assessment, the child will complete two tasks that may be mildly frustrating (interview, computer game) while wearing heart rate and skin monitors. Subjects will watch a short movie clip, play computer games and complete an interview. The heart rate monitor is worn on the chest and records heart rate activity. The skin monitor is worn on the wrist or ankle and measures sweat rate and temperature. The visit will take 2-4 hours to complete.

**Eligible Participants:**

Initial Assessment + 2 follow up visits:
- Families who have a child between the ages 9 and 17 years with a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder (Autistic Disorder, Asperger’s Disorder, or PDD-NOS)

Physiological Assessment
- Medication free boys or girls between the ages of 9 and 17 with ASD with high or low levels of anxiety

If you are interested in participating in this study or have further questions, please contact:
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