

How can we get involved?

We are presently enrolling families with a child aged 12 years old. If you would like to participate or learn more about this project, please return the self-addressed form included in this brochure. Or, you can call us: at UCLA (310) 825-9592, or at UCR (951) 827-3849. Just say that you are interested in The Collaborative Family Study.

Where is The Collaborative Family Study located?

We are located on the campuses of UCLA and UCR. Parking is free at both locations and, if requested, child-care is provided.

All assessment activities are available in English or Spanish.



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What is The Collaborative Family Study?

The Collaborative Family Study (CFS) is a joint-project between researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and the University of California, Riverside (UCR). The CFS is supported by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. We are studying adolescents with mild intellectual disability as well as those with typical development. The CFS has already enrolled 180 families who have participated from child ages 3 through 12 years. We are now focusing on the development of youth from ages 12 through 15 years, and we are currently enrolling additional families of youths at age 12. The study assesses developmental issues of early adolescence for youths and their families. The Principal Investigators are established researchers with extensive prior work involving children and their families.

What is asked of the parents and child?

Families visit the research center closest to their home (UCLA or UCR) twice, near the youth's 13th and 15th birthdays. This session, lasting 2 ½ hours, includes interviews with the mother, an interview and several activities with the youth, a saliva sample from the youth for genetic assessment, and several activities together. A battery of measures that focuses on adolescent development and family domains is completed at home by parents, and several measures are completed by the youth. All information gathered is kept strictly confidential.



Why should we participate?

Each family participating fully over the two-year period will receive \$200. Also, families will help to contribute to knowledge about adolescents' development. This enables clinicians and teachers to develop appropriate strategies for helping teenage youth.

**Families can receive
\$200
for their participation.**

