## Behavioral characteristics of autism spectrum in CHARGE

The study is to examine the behavioral characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder (reciprocal social interactions, communication, and restricted, repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behavior) in individuals with CHARGE Syndrome.

## Who is eligible: parent or guardian of child

- Definite CHARGE syndrome (is your information in CSCDP?)
- Two years or older

## How the research will be conducted at conference

- 1) Complete questionnaires (20-30 minutes, can also be done before or after conference):
  - a. Demographics form
  - b. Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL)
  - c. Social Responsiveness Scale-2 (SRS-2).
- 2) In- person Interview covering autism behavior questions (1.5-3 hours; average 2 hours)

Total estimated time: 1.5-3 hours. You can schedule an appointment NOW

To schedule an appointment at conference, contact Dr. Kasee Stratton kstratton@colled.msstate.edu or call/text 989-621-2303 We'll be wearing buttons saying "Ask me about the Bulldog CHARGE Lab"



## MORE INFORMATION HERE:

Dear Parent/Caregiver:

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. It is hard to believe that we are gearing up for yet another biennial CHARGE Conference! As we look ahead to the Chicago conference, we would like to ask for your participation in our research study.

The Mississippi State University CHARGE Syndrome Research Lab is currently conducting a research study to better understand the relationship of CHARGE Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorders. Many parents of children with CHARGE and professionals question whether or not children with CHARGE also present with behaviors characteristic of Autism. Little research is available to understand the differences and similarities between these two diagnoses—something we hope to answer!

Parents of children with CHARGE (children over the age of 2) are asked to participate by completing two behavior-rating scales and an interview lasting between 1.5 to 2.5 hours. Parents have the option to be provided with a brief behavioral report following their participation. Parents can participate by phone (interview) and mail-based completion of the behavior rating scales <u>OR</u> in person at a CHARGE Conference (e.g. CHARGE Foundation's 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Chicago July 2015). We hope to seek your participation at the biennial conference.

Please contact Dr. Kasee Stratton, Assistant Professor and Licensed Psychologist, if you are interested in participating or would like to inquire about any further information: <u>kstratton@colled.msstate.edu</u> or 989-621-2303.

All the best to you and your family,

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