



### **Parent and Clinician Committees**

#### **Purpose of project:**

The purpose of this project is to bring parents, clinicians, and researchers together to agree on a set of guidelines to be promoted across Canada for the screening, assessment, and diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) in very young children. The term “Best Practices” refers to the most up-to-date and practical methods that are supported by scientific research.

#### **Intended outcome:**

We will be writing a document outlining these “Best Practices” so that physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, and all other professionals involved with children with ASDs will have access to the same set of guidelines to use in making their decisions. We also hope that this document will clarify the assessment and diagnostic processes for parents.

#### **How you can help:**

We are looking for parents and clinicians who would like to participate.

#### **Parent Committee:**

The parent committee will be meeting in Montreal on September 4, 2007 at 6:30pm to discuss issues of primary concern for parents in regard to the screening, assessment and diagnosis of ASDs in very young children.

If you are interested in attending the Parent Committee meeting in early September, please contact Dr. Jennifer Nachshen at [jennifern@miriamfoundation.ca](mailto:jennifern@miriamfoundation.ca) or at (514) 345-1300 x. 368

If you are unavailable to attend the meeting, there will be an opportunity to provide your thoughts and opinions in an online survey which you can find at:  
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#### **Clinician Committee:**

The clinician committee will be meeting in Montreal on September 10, 2007 at 6:30pm to discuss issues of primary concern for clinicians in regard to the screening, assessment and diagnosis of ASDs in very young children.

If you are interested in attending the Clinician Committee meeting in early September, please contact Dr. Jennifer Nachshen at [jennifern@miriamfoundation.ca](mailto:jennifern@miriamfoundation.ca) or at (514) 345-1300 x. 368

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