

# PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!!!

For a one-hour interview at a convenient location.

We are conducting a research study on

## “Technology Use by Children with Autism”

We are looking for individuals who:

- are a parent of a child aged 6-12 years
- have a child who is diagnosed with autism
- whose child has difficulty performing self-care activities
- are fluent in English
- are living at home in the Greater Toronto Area

This study is being conducted by Jessica McGrath, a Master’s student in the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Toronto under the supervision of Dr. Alex Mihailidis.

**Background information:** Currently, there is limited research and information available regarding the use of technology by children with autism. In order to develop new technologies to assist children in their personal care tasks, we must determine what technologies are being used and what difficulties children and their parents are experiencing.

**Purpose of study:** The overall purpose of this study will be to determine the general use of technology by children with autism as well as to investigate the current use and future needs in regards to developing independence in activities of daily living. The perceptions of parents of using computer-based assistive devices will be gathered in order to explore the potential for the development of such systems for children with autism.

If you are interested in participating in the study, please contact **Jessica McGrath** or **Jennifer Boger** at: **416-946-8573**

Thank you for your time and consideration in this study.  
A small token of appreciation will be given upon completion of the study.