Dear Parent,

Your child has been invited to take part in a research study to learn more about the relationship between sensory acuity and speech development in typically developing children and adolescents.

We are looking for children/adolescents who:
- Are 9-15 years old
- Are native speakers of English
- Have no history of major hearing, language or speech difficulties

What your child will do:
- Complete an evaluation to determine if he/she fits all the criteria for our study. Evaluation tasks may assess your child’s hearing, oral-motor structure and function, language comprehension and production, and nonverbal IQ.
- If your child meets all of the criteria for inclusion in our study, we will ask you to bring your child for a second session consisting of additional sensory assessment. We will evaluate your child’s perception and production of speech sounds, and we will test their oral tactile sensitivity (i.e., ability to discriminate forms with the tongue and awareness of the tongue’s position in the mouth).

What you will do:
- Fill out a questionnaire about your child’s developmental history and language experiences

How long it will take:
- Participation in this study will involve about 3-4 hours of your child’s time over 2 sessions.

What you and your child will receive:
- Participants will be compensated at a rate of $20/hour.

You will be asked to sign a written permission form that will explain the study and your rights in more detail.

If you are interested in enrolling your child or have any additional questions, feel free to contact us using the contact information listed below. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

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