Early Autism and Social Communication Study

Wanted:
Caregivers & their children **1 year to 4 years and 11 months** who are suspected of (or diagnosed with) ASD or a social communication disorder. The study will help researchers understand the effectiveness of parent-mediated, early autism intervention program on social and communication skills.

At the beginning and end of the study we will:
- (a) learn about the child’s skills through caregiver interview and assessments
- (b) collect a video of the caregiver and child interacting with each other.

Group Assignment:
- Families will be assigned by chance (like flipping a coin) to an intervention or control group (**control group will have opportunity to receive intervention following their participation**)

The Intervention:
- Families will receive weekly, 90 minute sessions with a therapist (speech-language pathologists or behavior specialist) for 12 weeks.
- Therapists will coach the caregiver on social communication strategies to use when interacting and playing with their child.
- Caregivers will learn to use social communication strategies when interacting with their child.

Cost: There is **no charge**

**Benefits**
Families may benefit by receiving 12-weeks of parent-mediated ASD specific intervention at no charge

**Risks**
All risks for this research are the same as those related to the treatment without research.

**Approval:** This study has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at The University of Texas (UT) Dallas.