

Opportunities for Research Participation at the 2022 National Convention in Schaumburg, IL

Factors Contributing to Anxiety in Williams Syndrome Christopher McDougle, MD and Robyn Thom, MD; Massachusetts General Hospital for Children at the Lurie Center *Ages 5 - 65*

Participants must have Williams syndrome. Participation will include responding to questionnaires, and participating in interviews and cognitive assessments.

For more information and to sign up to participate please contact the research team at: 781-860-1711 or LurieCenterResearch@partners.org See Study Flyer attached!

How Adults with Williams Syndrome Recognize Faces and Places, and How They Understand How to Navigate Through Places Daniel Dilks, PhD; Emory University *Ages 18+*

The studies that will be carried out at the convention will involve looking at a series of pictures of faces or places, and answering simple questions such as, "Which face is the exact same face you just saw?"; "What kind of place is this?"; and "Which door could you use to exit this room?". Each participant will participate in several short studies (as just described), and the entire session will last a maximum of one hour. There will be short breaks between each study.

Participation is entirely voluntary, and a participant may choose to stop the study at any time. *Each participant will earn \$10.00/hour. (Study will take approximately 1 hour to complete)*

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the convention again this year!

For more information and to sign up to participate, please contact Danny Dilks at: dilks@emory.edu

"SHAPE: Focus on Eating and Food Behavior" Barbara Pober, MD; Massachusetts General Hospital *Ages 18+*

This new study opportunity is for adults with Williams syndrome. Participation includes answering questions about eating and food, providing some health and medical information and taking height and weight measurements. We will also take a photo that does not include your face. Participation may take 2 – 2.5 hours* to complete. It can be split over 2 days if you prefer *Participants will receive \$25.*

*There is a shorter follow-up opportunity for those who previously participated in SHAPE.

To learn more and sign up to participate: Drenzi3@mgh.harvard.edu or 617-643-3190

How Are You Doing? - Marisa Fisher, PhD; Michigan State University; *Ages 18+*

As we begin to emerge from the pandemic and social isolation, I would like to hear how you are doing. I am looking for adults with Williams syndrome (age 18 and older) to talk with me for about 30 minutes. I have short questionnaires about your feelings and whether you are happy with your social opportunities. Please come chat with me and share your feelings. If you don't have time during the Convention, we can also talk over Zoom or I

can just send you a link for you to complete the surveys on your own. Please sign up to meet with me using this link: <https://redcap.link/WSConvention>

Educational Consultations – Robin Pegg, Med, COTA/L, ATP

Bring your child's IEP and all of your education-related questions for a 60-minute Q&A with Robin. Limited appt. availability – To register go to: <https://app.simplymeet.me/rpegg>

Special Focus Group Opportunity for African American Families – Bonnie Klein-Tasman, PhD and Brianna Young, BA; Univ. of WI – Milwaukee; *All ages*

Please join us to share Parent/ Caregiver perspectives and experiences with healthcare for your child with Williams syndrome. We are child psychology researchers from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, interested in learning and amplifying the voices of African American families of children with Williams syndrome. Our goal is to center family voices and invite families to share what areas of healthcare are important to them and how the healthcare field can better meet their needs. This lunchtime session will be an informal meet and greet and discussion to gauge whether families would be interested in sharing their experiences and areas that may benefit from future research.

Sign up at: <https://form.jotform.com/221234005774145>; or contact Brianna at youngbn@uwm.edu