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Dear Families:

My name is Cara Kimberg and I am a fourth year doctoral student in Clinical and Health Psychology at the University of Florida. My interest is working with young children and for my dissertation I am conducting a pilot study that evaluates the repetitive behavior of preschoolers. I am comparing typically developing children to children diagnosed with autism and children with language delays to see the value of a new play-based test measure. I would like you to be part of my study.

As you know, children often display the same repeated behaviors. For children with autism such actions affect their ability to explore new places and play with new toys. This keeps them from learning new things. In this study we use play-based tasks to determine whether we can scientifically characterize repetitive behavior in a fun manner. Our long-term goal is to use these play-based measures to teach children with autism new ways to play. We would like your help to see if our task is a good way to accomplish our goal.

The study involves two visits each lasting approximately 90 minutes; breaks will be given to your child as needed. During these visits your child will engage in a diagnostic test, a test of nonverbal skills, as well as three different play-based tasks. You will be asked to fill out questionnaires regarding your child's behavior.

To thank you for being part of this study all families will receive a \$30 gift card to either Target or Block Buster Videos. You will receive this after completing both study visits. Children will also receive a small prize.

If you have any questions and/or are interested in being in this study please contact me at (352) 392-7928 or via email at neurodevelopmental\_lab@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your time.

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