

## Invitation to Participate in a National Survey of Speech-Language Pathologists

My name is Lily Nalty, M.A., CCC-SLP. I am conducting a survey to help with earlier identification of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in support of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "Learn the Signs. Act Early." campaign.

*All Speech-Language Pathologists who work with young children 6 years of age or younger are invited to take part in this important survey. Speech-Language Pathology graduate students working under the supervision of a certified Speech-Language Pathologist may also participate.*

The survey consists of 20 items and should take no more than 5-10 minutes. The purpose is to learn what Speech-Language Pathologists presently do and what they recommend to support their role in helping families reach a diagnosis of autism sooner.

**To participate in this confidential and anonymous survey, please link here--**

**[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Ys2uJvw\\_2fysvnpDc4K6UpKA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Ys2uJvw_2fysvnpDc4K6UpKA_3d_3d).**

It will be available through July 31, 2009.

If you have already completed this survey through another invitation, please do not complete another one. ☀

Thank you,

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*Contact information: We will be happy to answer any questions you have about the study. You may contact Lily Nalty (803 935 7522, Lily.Nalty@uscmed.sc.edu) if you have study related questions. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Office of Research Compliance at the University of South Carolina at 803 777 7095.*

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