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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, REHABILITATION,  
AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

March 12, 2007

Name  
Street Address  
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Dear Name;

We are conducting a study examining the change rates of autism as a special education eligibility classification. Specifically, we are wondering if the increasing use of this classification might be due to IEP teams being more willing and/or able today, than in years past, to classify a student as being eligible under the "autism" category. To assist us with our research we would appreciate a few minutes of your time completing the attached questionnaire. This study has been approved by our University's Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects and your responses will be anonymous. Upon request we will provide you with a summary of questionnaire results.

We would appreciate your completion of the questionnaire by January 31. We have provided a stamped, addressed envelope for you to use in returning your questionnaire. There is no need to put your name on the questionnaire. However, we are requesting that you place your name on the enclosed postcard and mail it separately from the questionnaire. This postcard will allow us to know who has responded to the questionnaire and will allow us to avoid bothering you with follow-up letters.

We realize that your schedule is busy and your time is valuable. However, we hope that the 15 minutes it will take you to complete the questionnaire will help us to better understand reasons for the changing rates of autism as a special education eligibility classification.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this research project. If you have any questions you can contact me at 916-278-5919.

Sincerely;

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