

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER - HOUSTON

*Language Development in Children Studied Using fMRI and NIRS*

HSC-MS-10-0582

CHILD PARTICIPANT ASSENT FORM (ages 5 – 12)

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**INVITATION TO TAKE PART**

Dr. Beauchamp is doing a research study to find out how kids' brains learn language. You are being invited to take part in a research study because you are a healthy child. Your parent has been asked if you can take part in this study. If you decide that you want to be in this research study, you will sit in a comfortable chair, or lie down on a comfortable bed. You will sit or lie still and watch movies of people talking. Taking part in these studies will require one visit. The visit may take between 15 minutes and 1 hour.

You don't have to be in this research study if you don't want to. Even if you say yes now and change your mind after you start doing this study, you can stop and no one will be mad. If you ever feel scared or don't want to watch the video, just tell us or your mom or dad, and we will end the study. None of the experiments require needles or injections. The only requirement that may be uncomfortable is that you are required to sit still. You may not benefit from taking part in this study. The information that we receive from this study may help children with brain disorders get better care in the future.

When researchers are working on a project like this, everything you say and everything they write down is private (secret). Researchers don't talk or show the information to anyone who isn't working on this project unless the child is in danger and needs help right away. When anything is written down about you, a special number is written instead of your name. The list and codes of names are kept in a locked file cabinet or in a computer with a secret password.

Being part of the study will not cost you or your family anything. You or your parents will get paid to take part in this study.

If you have questions you can ask your parents or Dr. Beauchamp. Dr. Beauchamp can tell you more about anything that you don't understand. You can call him at 713-500-5978 if you have a question.

Sign this paper if you decide you want to volunteer for the study. It is not a promise or contract. It just means that you have read this and that you understand what we are asking. It also means that you would like to try it. Remember that you can always change your mind by just saying so to your parents or anyone working in this study.

If you want to be in this study, just write your name below.

- Yes, I want to do this.
- No, I don't want to do this.

Printed Name of Subject

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Signature of Subject

Date/Time

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Name of Person Obtaining Assent

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**CPHS STATEMENT:**

This study (HSC-MS-10-0582) has been reviewed by the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. For any questions about research subject's rights, or to report a research-related injury, call the CPHS at (713) 500-7943.