

Hello,

I am writing to tell you about the **Child Development Research Unit** (CDRU) and to invite you to learn more about our activities.

The CDRU is a research centre affiliated with the Department of Psychology at the University of Guelph. Our enthusiastic team works on projects that focus on children's physical health, safety, and mental well-being. Our projects involve parents and their children from 4 months through 12 years.

We have many projects that are ongoing, each requiring a different level of participation. These may involve as little as completing a short interview over the phone, or an in-person visit to our laboratory on campus. Day, evening, or weekend appointments are all available and we would always arrange these for a time most convenient for you and your child.

If you are a mother of a child who is between two and five years of age, we invite you to participate in an exciting new research project on children's nutrition and safety that we have going on right now. If you have school-age children, we invite you and them to participate in a project on how older siblings interact with and supervise younger ones. We also have a fun and exciting new 'virtual reality' lab that we use to study how school aged children cross streets under different traffic conditions, which will help us better understand what puts children at risk for pedestrian injuries. We have projects for children of virtually every age and we need a large number of families to gain the best understanding possible.

Please call the CDRU at 519-767-5033 or 519-824-4120 (extension 55033) to find out more about our projects and how you and your children might get involved. You can also check out our website and read our Newsletter outlining past research findings at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/~cdru/>

Our research is federally funded (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canadian Institutes for Health Research), approved by the Research Ethics Board at the University of Guelph, and the findings have been highlighted in parenting magazines (e.g., *Today's Parent*, *Parents*) and published in scholarly journals (e.g., *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, *Injury Prevention*).

It is only through the support and participation of families from the community that we can answer important questions about how to promote children's health and safety. Please get involved to help us learn more about ways to enhance children's health and safety. We are always in need of participants. Call us today to find out more!

Sincerely,

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