



The NVLD Project is supporting an important research study at Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC). The researchers are investigating how children learn. Currently, children between the ages of 7 and 16 are invited to participate.

Children come with a parent to spend the day at CUMC. They will complete tests of their memory and thinking and an MRI scan, which is a safe and painless method of taking pictures of the brain. Parents will be asked to fill out surveys and answer questions. Visits take place on Saturdays or on school holidays, and generally take 7 hours.

Participating children will receive a \$120 gift certificate to Toys R' Us along with fun pictures of their brain. Parents will receive a report of the testing results, which provides a detailed picture of their child's developing academic abilities, attention, and social skills. This report will be signed by a licensed psychologist and, depending on the results, may be used to apply for special education services with the Department of Education or accommodations through a 504 plan at their child's school.

The researchers are currently seeking children with suspected NonVerbal Learning Disability. If you are interested in learning more about your child's learning, please call 646-774-5704 or email mrilearningstudy@gmail.com.

It is believed that the information obtained from this research will shed considerable light on how NonVerbal Learning Disability develops in childhood and how we treat this disorder in the future. Participation is voluntary, and all information is kept strictly confidential. If you decide not to participate, your decision will not affect your relationship with CUMC or the NVLD Project. Thank you for taking the time to consider helping us with these projects. The information gained will help improve the lives of children with NonVerbal Learning Disability.

Sincerely,

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