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Dear Parents,

Here at Brown University, researchers are trying to understand infant and child development—how they learn and understand the world around them. We would like to invite you and your child to join us in furthering our understanding of how children learn and grow. By participating in one of our research studies, your child may provide us with information that may help us to uncover the answers to important questions about human development.

Infant and child studies conducted at Brown are quite varied. Our research on object perception uses recordings of eye movements to infer how young infants understand objects that are partially or fully hidden from view. We use looking time measures to determine, for example, if babies have learned a certain pattern of shapes by showing them a new pattern and the old one. If they look longer at the new one, then we can infer that they actually learned and remember the old one!

Every study is supervised by Dr. Dima Amso, Assistant Professor in the Department of Cognitive, Linguistic, & Psychological Sciences at Brown. Dr. Amso would be happy to explain our research in more detail and answer any questions. Our studies take varying amounts of time, 1 to 1 ½ hours, and most require only a single visit. You will be with your baby or child at all times. In general, children and parents find participation in developmental research fun and interesting. We would be happy to provide a babysitter for any other children you have and would like to bring along and you will be compensated \$15 for travel and inconvenience.

By expressing interest in our research efforts, you are in no way committing your child to participate in our studies. Any interested parents who contact us will receive a telephone call to discuss in depth both the general goals of our research and the specific opportunities available for the children in their family.

If you're interested in finding out more about our research or possibly coming in to participate in one of our studies, please give us a call at (401) 863-7668 or send an email to [DCNLab@brown.edu](mailto:DCNLab@brown.edu) and visit our lab at [www.brown.edu/Research/dcnl](http://www.brown.edu/Research/dcnl).

Sincerely,  
Dr. Dima Amso