



# Child and Caregiver Preference for Mand Modalities

**Would you like to participate in a research study where we hope to learn about child and caregiver preferences for communication types?**

***What will you be asked to do?***

As a parent participant you will be asked to implement mand training procedures via picture exchange and a speech-generating device as communication techniques and perform these procedures with your children. The children may be able to use picture exchange and a speech-generating device as guided by their parents.

***How long will this research take?***

It is requested that parent and children participants engage in research sessions at their residences. These sessions can occur from 1 to 5 times per week, lasting 1 to 2 hours. These home visits will be ongoing for 2 to 6 months, with the total number of visits estimated to range from 40 to 60 sessions, where all sessions will be video recorded.

***Participation Criteria:***

- Your child must have an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) diagnosis.
- Your child must have limited or no functional speech.
- You and your child must have little to no experience using picture exchange or a speech generated device.

***Our Hope for this Research***

We hope our research will lead to tailored interventions for children with ASD to enhance their expression, interactions, and overall quality of life through alternative communication methods. In addition, we hope that parents will learn how to teach their children how to communicate.

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