



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH STUDY

ASTHMA IN THE LIVES OF FAMILIES TODAY (ALOFT)

Principal Investigator: Richard B. Slatcher, Ph.D.

PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH STUDY

To better understand the links between everyday family life and childhood asthma

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

You may be eligible if **you**:

- Are healthy (no current physical or emotional illness)
- Can read and write fluently in English

And if your **child**:

- Is between the ages 10 and 15 years old with mild to severe persistent asthma and/or one or more asthma-related emergency room visits during the past year
- Is otherwise healthy (no current physical or emotional illness, nonsmoker)
- Can read and write fluently in English (at or above a 3rd grade reading level)

WHAT DOES PARTICIPATION INVOLVE?

If you volunteer for this research study, you and your child will first come to the Wayne State Campus for a three-hour laboratory visit. You and your child will then complete a four-day daily diary assignment from home (which involves filling out a brief questionnaire each day), have your child provide saliva samples (so that we can look at stress hormones), have your child wear a small behavior monitor called the Electronically Activated Recorder (the EAR) and then bring your child back to Wayne State for a small blood draw to see how your child's immune system is functioning. Twelve months later and 24 months later, you will be asked to do this again (three-hour laboratory visits, four-day diary completions, and small blood draws). The reason for this is so that we can see how everyday life changes are linked to future changes in health.

IS THERE COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPATING?

Eligible families will be compensated (paid) for participating in the study.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (313) 577-3334

OR EMAIL: ALOFTSTUDY@GMAIL.COM