**Name of Study:** Temperament and Problem Behavior in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders  
**Location:** Fay J. Lindner Center for Autism and Developmental Disorders, North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, 4300 Hempstead Turnpike, Bethpage, New York 11714  
**Eligibility Criteria:** Parents of children Ages 3-7 who have had a confirmed diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder by staff at the Fay J. Lindner Center for Autism and Developmental Disorders, North Shore-LIJ within the past year.  
**Principal Investigator:** Dr. Joel Bregman  
**Contact Information:** Georgianna Reilly, Research Assistant, phone: (516) 802-8686

Dear Parent,

I am writing this letter to offer you an opportunity to participate in a research study at the Fay J. Lindner Center for Autism and Developmental Disorders, North Shore-LIJ Health System about temperament (“personality”) and problem behavior in children with autism spectrum disorder. The purpose of this research study is to evaluate the degree to which children with autism spectrum disorder have different temperaments and to investigate which temperamental characteristics are most likely to predict problem behavior.

Your participation requires completing 3 brief questionnaires about your child’s temperament and problem behavior. The three questionnaires should take about 45 minutes total time to complete. You can complete these questionnaires at home (the surveys will be mailed to you). Before filling out any study surveys, the research coordinator for the study will speak with you over the phone to discuss the purpose of the study, and study procedures. At this time, you can ask any questions that you have. Then, you will be asked to sign a consent form giving permission to participate in the study.

Participants will receive a packet of information from a May 15, 2007 community presentation on temperament. The information describes what temperament is, what temperament influences, and how parents can choose situations that better fit their children’s temperament (“personality”) in order to reduce problem behavior.

There is no charge to participate in the study and there is also no reimbursement.

If you are interested in learning more information about participating in this study, please contact our Research Assistant Georgianna Reilly at (516) 802-8686.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joel Bregman, M.D., Medical Director, and research staff  
Fay J. Lindner Center for Autism and Developmental Disorders (North Shore-Long Island Jewish Hospital System affiliated)