

Families needed for La Trobe PhD project

This project will examine the following areas:

-The lived experiences of teenagers with High Functioning Autism their parents and siblings, including perceptions of stigma and physical and emotional health determinants.

-The relationship between siblings.

-The meaning of motherhood and fatherhood among mothers and fathers of teenagers with High Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder.

-How families deal with the experiences of living with High Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder. The parents participating in this study must have a child between the ages of 13-18 years who has been diagnosed with High Functioning Autism or Aspergers syndrome. Parents are required to be involved in a focus group discussion and a one on one interview. They will also be asked to fill in a diary of their day to day experiences over two week period.

The children participating must be between the ages of 13-18 years and must be diagnosed with High Functioning Autism or Aspergers syndrome, or be a sibling of a child with the above condition. The children will be asked to participate in a drawing method and a one on one interview, siblings to also participate in a focus group.

The data collection process is anticipated to take place between April and December 2011.

If you are willing to be a part of this project or require further information please email Jessica Gill at jmgill@students.latrobe.edu.au or phone 0439 324 295.

