

Bridges and Barriers to the implementation of PECS: An evaluation

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Dr. Condillac is conducting a study to investigate Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) services delivered to families and children with a Developmental Disability (DD) and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Often SLPs recommend strategies to parents/caregivers to implement Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS). This study will investigate the factors that help or hinder the implementation of PECS by parents.



**Participants
Needed**

We are looking for parents/caregivers of children with a Developmental Disability or Autism Spectrum Disorder. We are also looking for Speech Language Pathologists that provide these services (formal PECS training is not a requirement) .The focus groups will be located in Oakville and Toronto between April-June.

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The study will include 2 parts.

- a) We will conduct focus groups with parents of children with DD or ASD.
- b) We will conduct focus groups with SLPs who provide these supports to families of children with DD or ASD.

File = 10-107-CONDILLAC. This study has been reviewed and approved by the Brock Research Ethics Board (File #?). If you have questions or concerns about this study you may call the investigators listed above or the Brock University Research Ethics Officer in the Office of Research Services at 905-688-5550 ext. 3035, email: reb@brocku.ca