# RESEARCH STUDY: Understanding the Self-Perceptions of Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

## Purpose

- To understand how young people with ASD view their strengths and weaknesses
- To identify how the beliefs of young people with ASD may impact their social and emotional functioning

## Who Should Participate?

Male and female youth with ASD between 13-18 years of age and their parent(s)

## What Is Involved?

**Youth:** Will participate in an interview, complete tasks that examine thinking and social-communication skills, and fill out questionnaires
**Parents:** Will participate in an in-depth interview about your child and fill out questionnaires

## How Long Will It Take?

**Youth:** One session (about 3 to 4 hours long) with breaks and refreshments
**Parents:** Interview (90 minutes before your child's session) and complete a questionnaire (20 minutes)

## Benefits of Participating

- Help contribute to a better understanding of youth with ASD
- Receive a developmental summary report outlining cognitive and social-emotional functioning
- Youth receive $20 gift certificate and can count their participation towards community service hours (certificate provided)

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