

Families are changing. Help us understand how.

Who are we?

We are a team of researchers headed by Dr. Susan Golombok, Director of the Centre for Family Research at the University of Cambridge in the UK and Dr. Anke A. Ehrhardt, Director of the Division of Gender, Sexuality, and Health of the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University and NYS Psychiatric Institute in NY.

Dr. Golombok has carried out some of the earliest studies of same-sex parent families and the first study of children growing up in families formed through surrogacy.

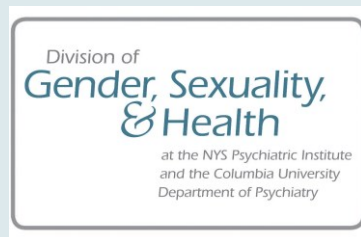
To learn more about the Centre for Family Research, please visit:

<http://www.cfr.cam.ac.uk/>



To learn more about the Division of Gender, Sexuality, and Health, please visit:

<http://gendersexualityhealth.org/>



Will you take part in a ground-breaking study?

If you and your partner have a child, 3 to 9 years old, who was conceived through assisted reproduction, we would like to invite you to take part in the New Families Study. The New Families Study is looking for families headed by same-sex and opposite-sex couples who live in NY, NJ, and CT.

Why are we doing this study?

The study will examine parenting and child development in families made possible by assisted reproduction (surrogacy, DI, IVF, etc.). We hope to broaden public and professional understanding of diversity in family life and inform legislators and policy makers around the world about the needs of new families.

What does taking part involve?

We will arrange a convenient time to visit your family at home for 2 to 3 hours. During the visit, we will interview you and your partner about your family life and give you short questionnaires to fill out. We would also like to ask your child about his/her family life. Lastly, we will invite you and your partner to each take part in a play task with your child. As a token of our appreciation, your family will receive a \$75 gift card.

Will taking part be kept confidential?

Yes – taking part and anything you say during the visit will be kept strictly confidential. The identity of your family will be known only to members of the research team. No information that would make you identifiable will ever be published.

This project has been approved by the Ethics Committee of the University of Cambridge and the Institutional Review Board of the New York Psychiatric Institute.

How do I find out more about the study?

Our project coordinators in NY can provide you with more information about the study.

You will be under no obligation to take part. You may also visit our study website:

<http://gendersexualityhealth.org/research/NewFamiliesStudy.html>

Get in touch!

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