I think my child stutters.

What can I do?

My child does not stutter, but I’d like to help.

Research Opportunity

What does my child’s brain look like?

Does my child stutter?

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What is the study about?

Michigan State University researcher, Soo-Eun Chang, Ph.D. is hopeful that a recent National Institutes of Health grant she received will result in better treatment options, and ultimately better lives for children who stutter.

“In this study, we will be examining speech development and brain growth in children who do and do not stutter. This may help us identify neural bases of persistent stuttering that may differ between boys and girls.” - Soo-Eun Chang, Ph.D.

Who can participate?
- Children age 3-8 years
- Children who do and do not stutter
- English only speakers
- Children who have met all developmental milestones

What will my child do?
2-3 visits to MSU campus for:
- Speech-Language-Hearing screening
- Cognitive testing
- MRI of your child’s brain in Radiology

How do I learn more?
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What can I do now if my child stutters?
- Slow down your own speech to model “unhurried” talking.
- Don’t say, “Slow down,” or “Think about what you are trying to say.”
- Allow your child enough time to talk.
- Try not to finish your child’s sentences or fill in words.
- Provide a supportive environment where talking is fun.

Websites for additional information:
http://changlab.cas.msu.edu/index.htm
http://www.stutteringhelp.org
http://www.nsastutter.org