Participate in our Study!

RTI International is recruiting families with 2.5-year-old children (27- to 33-months-old) for a voluntary study. We are researching how young children’s early development might be influenced by exposure to common chemicals, including:

• metals, like lead
• forever chemicals (PFAS)
• flame retardants
• secondhand smoke

Why participate?
Your family’s participation will help provide information that parents, early educators, and policy makers can use to support children’s early development and healthy homes and schools for children.

Why participate?

Parents receive $150
Children receive small PRIZES
Child care centers receive $100
Teachers receive $10 per participating child for completing questionnaires
Parents and centers receive environmental sampling RESULTS with recommendations

How do I participate?

When your child is 2.5 years old

• Parent(s) use a mail-out test kit to collect home dust and water samples and child hair and saliva samples
• Parent(s) complete an online survey and phone interview
• Our team visits your center to collect classroom dust and water samples and play fun, game-like activities with your child

When your child is 3.5 years old

• Parent(s) attend a 1-hour webinar to learn about results and recommendations
• Parent(s) complete an online survey
• Our team returns to your center to play fun, game-like activities with your child
• Your child’s teacher completes a short online survey

Our study team looks forward to partnering with you!

Our team includes former NC child care staff trained to work with your children. Staff are vaccinated for COVID-19 and will comply with all center requirements, including masking.

Principal Investigator Jennifer Hoponick Redmon specializes in children's environmental health and has children in preschool. Co-Principal Investigator Michael Willoughby specializes in early childhood development.

Begin enrolling today, or contact us for more information:

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