Faculty member or graduate student  
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Assistant Professor  
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Description of research area
Our lab conducts research on the early development of children with neurodevelopmental 
disorders in order to identify early markers of risk and resilience in clinical populations.  
We currently have two ongoing research projects. The first is a longitudinal online survey  
for families of children with neurogenetic disorders aimed at characterizing early  
development in areas such as communication, sleep and autism features. The second  
project is a longitudinal study specifically targeting the emergence of autism symptoms in  
infants at increased risk for developing autism, such as those with Down Syndrome and  
infants born prematurely.

Description of undergraduate participation
Undergraduate participation may involve a combination of the following:  
1. Data management  
2. Assisting with assessments of infants  
3. Contributing to presentations  
4. Coding

Research setting  
Laboratory

Number of assistants needed  
2

Contact information
Please fill out the application listed on our lab website (http://nddfamilylab.weebly.com/)  
and submit the completed application to Lisa Rague (lrague@purdue.edu).

Additional comments
Must have completed PSY 120  
Prefer freshmen or sophomores  
Due to the advanced training involved with joining the lab, a 2-semester commitment is  
required. Preference will be given to students who plan to remain in the lab for additional  
semesters.