

# Developmental Disabilities Research Lab

## Winter/Spring 2024 Newsletter

Hello Friends!

We hope you are having a wonderful winter and that you enjoy the first signs of early Spring! We have lots of new research opportunities for you and your family! We can't wait to see you in the near future!

-- Your friends at the CSU Developmental Disabilities Research Lab



Our RAM Scholars are making headlines!

Check out this CBS4 news story about their accomplishments!

[Click Here to watch the video!](#)

## University Distinguished Professor Dr. Temple Grandin Meets with RAM Scholars



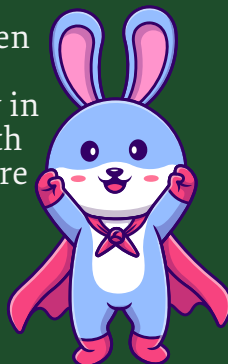
### New Research Participation Opportunity!

#### Project CAPE-abilities:

#### Communication And Play Early abilities in Down Syndrome

The DD Lab at CSU has a new research study that focuses on how young children with Down syndrome play and communicate! Play and communication are important for a child's development. This study will show how these skills grow in children with Down syndrome and how they connect to other factors like health conditions and autism. Contact us to find out more! We are excited to learn more about your child's CAPE-abilities!!!

- Children 18-21 months with Down syndrome
- Locations in Fort Collins & Denver
- Families can receive up to \$300



# Global Down Syndrome Foundation Delegation to Washington DC!

The DD Lab was honored to be a part of the Global Down Syndrome Foundation's trip to Capitol Hill in February! Michelle Sie Whitten, President & CEO of GLOBAL, presented testimony before Congress regarding the DeOndra Dixon INCLUDE Project Act of 2024. This proposed legislation is dedicated to the memory of GLOBAL Ambassador DeOndra Dixon, and would approve funding for the NIH INCLUDE Down syndrome research project for the next five years! We are excited about new efforts to advance science that supports individuals with Down syndrome and their loved ones!



# Current Research Opportunities with the Developmental Disabilities Research Lab!



## Executive Function in Children with Down Syndrome

We are studying the most effective ways to measure executive function skills in children with Down syndrome. 'Executive Function' refers to the thinking skills we use for problem solving and planning. This research targets children between the ages of 2 and 7 years old. The study involves 4 visits spread over a year, during which families can receive compensation of up to \$200.

- Age range: Children 2-7 years old
- Families Receive \$200 compensation
- Locations in Fort Collins and Greater Denver

## New Study: Early Health and Motor Abilities in Down Syndrome

Our team is conducting a new study on the early foundations of health and motor abilities in children with Down syndrome. Participants will engage in playful assessment activities and wear a physical activity watch at home. Parents will fill out surveys and have the option of wearing a physical activity watch too. Your participation will help us learn how to best promote healthy outcomes!

- Age range: Children 18-47 months of age
- Families Receive \$300 compensation
- Locations in Fort Collins and Greater Denver



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