

FSU's Autism Institute part of \$8.8 million NIH grant

The Autism Institute at Florida State's College of Medicine is part of a new \$8.3 million study to measure risk and resilience factors for autism in infants and toddlers. The goal is to better understand developmental trajectories in children with autism and to improve early detection, intervention and outcomes. The Autism Institute's project has the potential to identify autism spectrum disorders before an obvious disability has emerged — as early as the first year of life. The Autism Centers of Excellence grant is one of three in the country funded by the National Institutes of Health. Collaborators include Emory University, the Marcus Autism Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, the Emory University School of Medicine and the Emory University Yerkes National Primate Research Center.

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