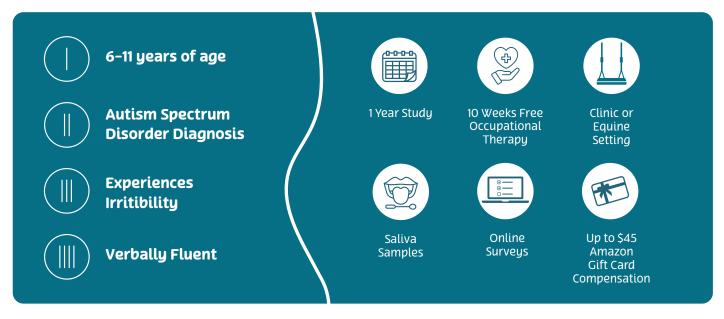


Temple Grandin Equine Center at Colorado State University's Denver SPUR campus is conducting a research study to learn about the benefits of occupational therapy in a clinic and in an equine setting for autistic youth. We are looking for participants who meet the following criteria:





Interested?

Occupational Therapy Research for Autistic Youth

Colorado State University's Temple Grandin Equine Center is conducting a research study on occupational therapy integrating horses for autistic youth. Participants will receive 10 weeks of occupational therapy in either a clinic

of occupational therapy in either a clinic or equine setting for free.



Who is eligible to participate?

We are hoping to recruit 64 autistic youth who meet the following criteria:



6-11 years of age



Diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder by a community provider



Experiences Irritibility



Verbally Fluent



Nonverbal IQ≥65



Can tolerate a helmet, and willingly mount and ride a horse for 10 minutes with help from a therapist



Able to provide a saliva sample by holding a foam rod in mouth for 1 minute



Have not ridden horses for more than 10 hours in the past 6 months



Weigh less than 200 pounds



Not currently receiving occupational therapy



Does not smoke or regularly use steroids



Does not have a history of animal abuse or phobia of horses

What will I be asked to do?

Screening Process: To determine if your child is eligible for the study, you will be asked to participate in a screening process that consists of:





Phone Call (parent)





2-hour In-person Screening Visit (parent & child)

Study Participation: If your child is deemed eligible for the study and you decide to participate, you and your child will be asked to participate in the following activities



Goal-setting visit (parent & child)



10 weeks of occupational therapy in a clinic or equine setting at CSU Spur (child)



Weekly parent education on child self-regulation (parent)



Provide saliva samples before, during, and after each therapy session, 4 saliva samples total (child)



Complete questionnaires and online surveys about your child's behavior (parent)

Is there any compensation for participation?

We are offering up to \$45 compensation in Amazon gift cards to the parent/legal guardian for participation.

What will I do?	Compensation
Complete 3-Month Waitlist Questionnaires Online	\$15
Complete Week 10 Questionnaires	\$15
Complete 6-Month Follow-up Questionnaires Online	\$15
TOTAL	Up to \$45

How do I get more information?