

We invite you to participate in a research project studying computer usage by children and young adults with Down syndrome.

To: **Parents of children and young adults with Down syndrome**

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We are beginning to study computer usage by children and young adults with Down syndrome using an on-line survey. This survey is appropriate for parents of children with Down Syndrome who are between the ages of 6 and 21. It can be filled out by parents or you and your child can fill it out together. You can participate from anywhere you live and the survey should not take more than 15 minutes to complete.

We are inspired by our young friends with Down syndrome who are using computers for entertainment and for schoolwork. Why shouldn't these skills be able to be developed into job skills? You can help us learn more about the computer usage of children with Down Syndrome, so that we can explore their current or potential computer use in detail. We hope, down the road, to develop effective computing tools or software, to help your children with Down Syndrome use computers for learning, leisure, and job skills. With computers playing such a large role in our daily lives, improving your children's computer use can improve daily life.

The first step is to study how people with Down syndrome are currently using computers. The survey will be on-line until January 31, but try to complete it as soon as possible. Thanks again for your participation. Together, we can make a difference!

You can complete the survey on-line at

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=750982588877>