

## **Study: Use of Mouth for Object Exploration**

In all infants the earliest primary means of exploration is touching objects with their mouth (mouthing). Some infants with visual impairments continue mouthing at ages that sighted peers have started to use mostly hands for exploration. We want to understand whether children with visual impairments prefer to explore certain features of objects with the mouth. This information is critical to assess and promote healthy development in infants with visual impairments.

### **Who is Eligible?**

- Children aged 6 months through 6 years who have any degree of visual impairment
- Children aged 6 months through 6 years who have normal vision

### **What does this study involve?**

At a room at the institution closest to you (Envision Research Institute, Children's Center for the Visually Impaired, Donna Vanier Children's Center), your child will explore a series of objects that differ in certain features (for instance: an object that is smooth and an object that has texture). You will be in the room with your child. This activity will be video recorded so that researchers can later analyze the ways your child explored the objects.

**Compensation:** You will receive \$50 for your participation in this study.

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