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## We Are Looking For Preschool Children with Autism\* to Participate in a Research Project!

### Do you know a child with autism\* aged 3-6 years who

- ✓ Has trouble paying attention, especially in the presence of background sounds (other children playing, people talking, music playing, traffic sounds...)?
- ✓ Is easily distracted by sounds/ noise?
- ✓ Doesn't respond consistently when being called?
- ✓ Has challenges in the areas of engagement and interaction?
- ✓ Has parents who are interested in very detailed assessments of the child's progress?

We are looking for 10 children to take part in a pilot study by researchers from the University of Queensland, headed by Ms Suvi Pitkola, a doctoral candidate in the research program at the School of Music.

The study aims to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Samonas program in improving the child's ability to engage and interact with significant others, while also improving the child's listening skills. The Samonas program involves listening to therapeutic, individually chosen music over high quality headphones, while engaged in play with one parent. The study period is 3 months. This pilot study will be followed by a larger randomized controlled trial in the near future.

**Participants of the study are eligible for discounts and receive free assessments as well as written summaries that can be presented to other professionals such as referral sources.**

Please contact the Samonas Auditory Performance Center, tel. (+65) 3112 5000, or email [centerSingapore@samonas.com](mailto:centerSingapore@samonas.com) for more details.

*\* Children with Rett's Disorder or Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, and children with autism and additional diagnoses such as CP and Down Syndrome or severe medical conditions are unfortunately not able to participate in the study.*