

## Did you know?

Since beginning in 2002, the EGDS study has collected more than 3,500 questions from you! A study of this enormous proportion and value has attracted the attention and respect of researchers across the world. Our research team is busy writing papers, presenting at conferences, and training new researchers (graduate students). For an update on published articles, presentations, and interviews, please check out our website at [www.earlydev.oslc.org](http://www.earlydev.oslc.org).

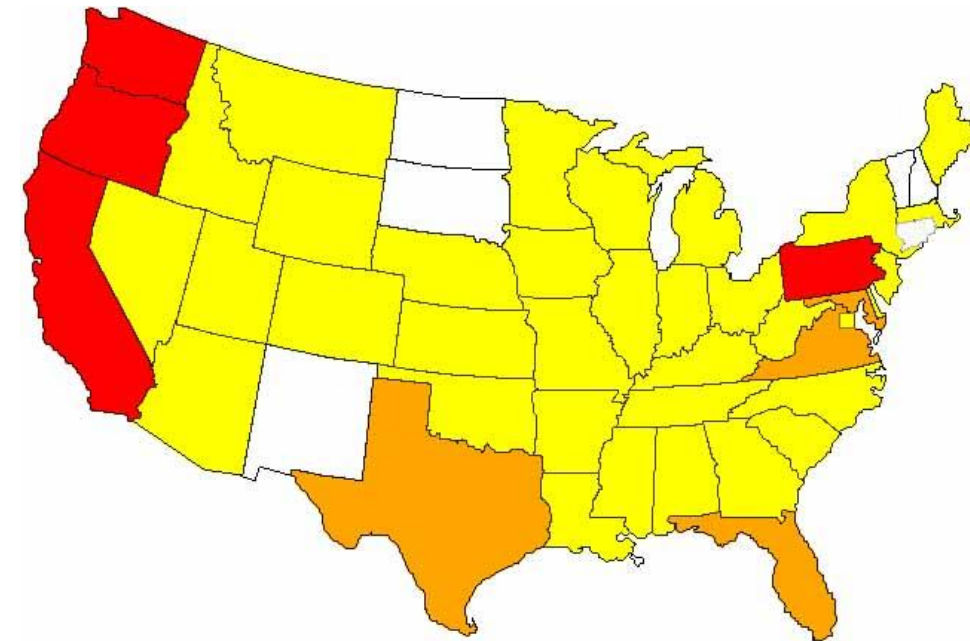
Do you ever wonder why we ask the same questions over and over? Our interview questions have been created, tested, and published by other researchers and are respected in the scientific community as ways to measure topics like social support, sleep problems, depression, and self esteem. Sometimes we ask the same questions each time we visit, but sometimes we ask them in a slightly different way. This can be frustrating, we know! We use this technique to increase the amount of data we have and our chances of publishing our findings. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and answering all of the questions.

Now that you've been in the study for a few years, you may be wondering about the results. We have posted a complete list of journal articles and results published by our scientists on our study's website. We update it regularly, so check back often!

### *What is coming up next?*

We've really enjoyed getting to know you over the years and we appreciate your commitment to the study! We are currently working on seeking funding for a few projects that you could be involved in. Please let us know if you move or change your phone number so that we can contact you about future opportunities. We will pay you \$15 for taking the time to contact us with your new information.

More than 40 birth parents
10 – 40 birth parents
Less than 10 birth parents



### **FREQUENT FLYERS!**



We've traveled approximately 3,632,508 miles to see everyone since the study began. That's roughly eight round-trips to the moon!

## **Who ARE You?**

We have individuals participating in our study from all over the United States and the world. Most participants are located in Oregon, Washington, California, and Pennsylvania, but we have participants in all but nine of the United States. We even have participants around the globe!



**To meet the rest of the team or to get an update on published articles, visit our website:**

<http://www.earlydev.oslc.org>



## EARLY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT STUDY

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# EARLY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT STUDY

## 2010 NEWSLETTER

### Hello Early Growth and Development Study Participants!

We've had a very busy couple of years and we're excited to give you an update on the Early Growth and Development Study. We are thrilled to have traveled across the county to interview many of you during that time. If it's been a couple of years since you've heard from us, chances are that we've been trying to reach you. We would love to hear from you! Please give us a call at our toll-free line at any time to check in about doing another interview (1-866-203-5165).

Whether it seems like a lifetime ago or just yesterday, your agreement to participate in our landmark study has helped us to better understand health and human development, as well as the adoption process. We could not do this work without you! We have a large research team that works together to complete interviews (check out the team picture below). Our recruiters, Alyssa Middleton and Diana Crom, work diligently at all hours of the day, seven days a week, to keep in touch with you. They enjoy talking to everyone and learning about what is happening in your life right now. Our interviewers say that they enjoy learning about the life experiences of many different people. Our experienced interviewers love repeat visits to see how you're doing and what's new in your life. One of our interviewers, Denise Ford, has been with the study since its beginning and has visited more than 91 birth parents, some for one interview and some for three! A key part of our study that we are all extremely proud of is our dedication to gathering data while making sure it is confidential and comes directly from you. Our interviewers spend roughly 200 days a year traveling and return after each trip with stories about the amazing people that they meet. Thank you for welcoming them into your life and helping to make their jobs enjoyable! Check out our website for a full description of our team ([www.earlydev.oslc.org](http://www.earlydev.oslc.org)).

### We Appreciate Your Participation!

Thank you for continuing to participate in the Early Growth and Development Study. As always, be sure to call us if you move or change your phone number and we will send you a \$15 bonus. You can reach us toll-free at (866) 203-5165. We look forward to working with you again in the next phase of interviews. Best wishes to you in 2010!

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