



Calling all caregivers of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)



You're invited to participate in a research study to explore the child's engagement and enjoyment of

Riding a Horse-Riding Simulator and a Horse

Qualifications:

- Children aged 5-12
- Medical diagnosis of ASD
- No horse-riding experience in last 3 months

For safety, the child must be able to:

- Tolerate wearing a helmet and safety belt
- Communicate needs
- Follow simple directions
- Tolerate animals (no fear of horses, no medical diagnosis that precludes mounted activities on a horse)

The parent will receive a debit card of \$25 at EACH visit.

**Join us, beginning in
October 2023**

This study requires 2 visits
of an hour each:

1. Horse-riding simulator located at the Department of Occupational Therapy at ECU
2. Horse riding provided at Moonbeams and Miracles Therapeutic Horsemanship Center in Grimesland

Please contact us to learn more!

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