Do severe speech and/or language disorders run in your family?

Do you have a new infant in the family?

You may be eligible to participate in the

Babble Boot Camp
Research Study

What: Babble Boot Camp is an online research study that runs from birth to 2 years, with follow-up testing at 3 and 4 years. Families anywhere in the US can participate.

Why: To see if starting therapy at very early ages can minimize or prevent speech & language problems in children at risk.

Tell me more: Parents meet weekly online with an expert on our team and learn how to encourage speech & language development as part of their daily routines. For instance, they learn how to help their babies produce babble and first words on time. Once a month, parents make a daylong sound recording with a high-tech recorder that we provide. Every three months, they fill out some checklists and questionnaires so that we can get a detailed picture of how the children are developing. When the children turn 2 years, we test their speech, language, and problem-solving skills. There is no cost to participate. Families will be given a $20/months plus a $50 bonus at the end of the study. When the children turn 3 and 4 years old, we test them again and pay $100 each time. To participate, at least two biological relatives of the new baby must have a severe speech and/or language disorder. We want to include as many family members as possible. Each person provides speech/language information and a DNA sample so that we can look for genetic causes.

Participation is voluntary.

Questions? Interested? Email Dr. Beate Peter or Dr. Nancy Potter at Babblebootcamp@asu.edu or call (206) 713-5839.

The Speech Language Genetics Laboratory, directed by Dr. Beate Peter, focuses on identifying the genetic causes of communication disorders and turning this knowledge into new interventions for very young children at genetic risk.