Participate in fMRI Research

We are looking for adolescents and adults with Williams syndrome, aged 13-50 years, to participate in a research study using the new technology of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Functional MRI is a major research tool in developing the science of brain, mind and behavior. We will use this non-invasive method to make pictures of the adult participant's brain and record brain activity while the adult participant is looking at faces of people with varying facial expressions.

The individuals with Williams syndrome cannot participate in the study if they have a cardiac pacemaker or a certain type of metallic clip in their body (i.e., an aneurysm clip in the brain), or if they have worked with metal or had a piece of metal removed from their eye(s), or if they have shrapnel, bullets, or buckshot in their body, or if they are pregnant.

Participation is voluntary and the individual with Williams syndrome must be aged 13 or older to participate.

The participant will receive a $50 gift card for their involvement in the study. Travel costs ($500 maximum) will be reimbursed.

If you are interested in knowing more about this study, please contact Dr. Marilee A. Martens (740) 366-9415 or email: martens.22@osu.edu.

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