



We'd like you to be a part of a very important study.

CHEERS

stands for Children's

Environmental Exposure Research Study. The purpose of this study is to learn about levels of pesticides and other common chemicals in the homes of young children. CHEERS will start in October 2004, and this two-year children's exposure study will be conducted in Duval County, Florida.

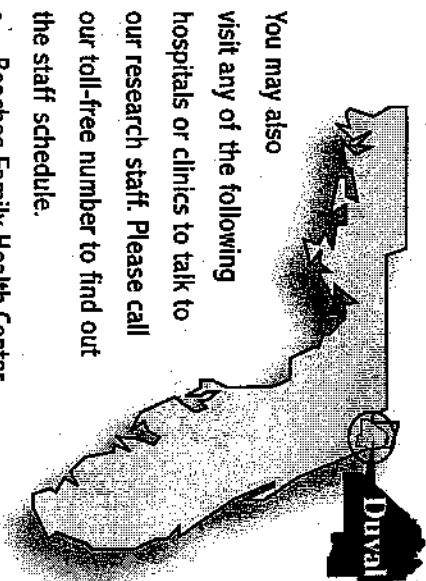
Your participation will contribute to our knowledge of children's exposures to common chemicals in the home. This knowledge will help protect the health of our young children.

Will I be compensated?

You will receive up to \$970 over the two-year period if you complete all of the study activities. Your family will also receive an official, framed Certificate of Appreciation, a CHEERS bib for your baby, a t-shirt, a calendar, and a study newsletter. You will be allowed to keep the video camcorder at the end of the study providing you have completed all of the study activities.

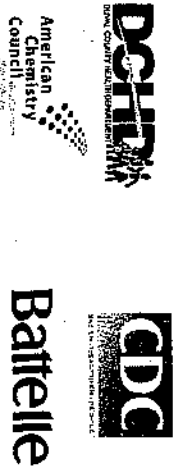
Do you need more information?

If you have any questions or want more information on the study, please call Cherry Jackson at 1-877-810-9530 ext. 503 (toll-free), or visit our website at www.epa.gov/cheers

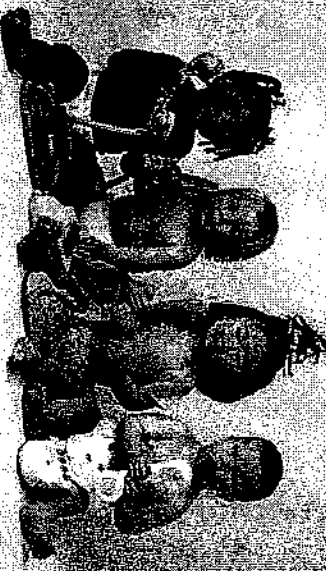


- You may also visit any of the following hospitals or clinics to talk to our research staff. Please call our toll-free number to find out the staff schedule.
- Beaches Family Health Center
 - Center for Women and Children
 - Marietta Family Health Center
 - South Jacksonville Family Health Center
 - Wesconnet Family Health Center
 - West Jacksonville Family Health Center
 - Shands Jacksonville Hospital
 - St. Vincents Hospital
 - Memorial Hospital

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is leading this research study with assistance from:



You're a PARENT.
Learn more about your child's potential home exposure to common pesticides.



Contact us.

CHEERS
Children's Environmental Exposure Research Study

To Help Children Live Healthier Lives.

EPA's Research and Development Staff welcome your participation.



Am I eligible to participate?

Only 60 participants will be selected. To be selected, you must:

- Live in Duval County, Florida.
- Be a parent of a child less than 3 months old or between the ages of 9 to 12 months old, and
- Spray or have pesticides sprayed inside your home regularly.

Participant selection will begin in October 2004.

What will I be asked to do?

- Allow two of our researchers to visit you at your home every 3 to 6 months for 2 years. The visit will occur during a week that you plan to apply pesticides in your home and will be scheduled at your convenience.
- Videotape (the camcorder will be provided) some of your child's activities and keep a short activity diary about your child.
- Help collect some samples of food, hand wipe, and urine. The research team will show you how to do this and will provide you with the needed supplies.

Who is in charge of this study?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the primary sponsoring agency. The study is also sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Florida's Duval County Health Department, and the American Chemistry Council.

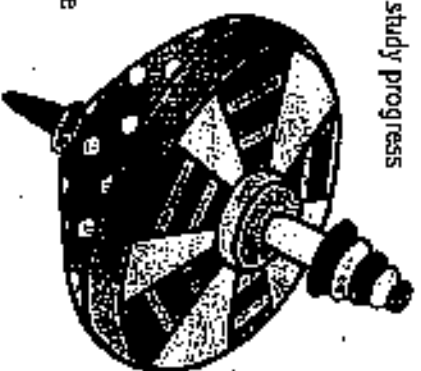
Why is this study important?

Current information on young children's exposures to chemicals in the home is very limited. EPA has pledged to increase its efforts to provide a safe and healthy environment for children. This study will help EPA better understand how young children are exposed to pesticides and other chemicals from common consumer products. We will learn at what levels they are exposed to in the home and when these levels occur.



Will I receive study results?

You will receive a study progress update during the two-year study period. A final study summary report will be sent to all participants at the end of the study.



Is participation voluntary?

Participation is voluntary. You may withdraw from the study at any time, even after agreeing to participate. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to answer.

Are the results confidential?

The names of children and other family members, and information gathered from this study will be kept strictly confidential.