



### ► Why should I participate?

Learning about your experiences will help researchers understand how families with infants and toddlers make ends meet in ways that help children learn and grow.

Researchers chose specific hospitals for this study very carefully to talk to mothers with different backgrounds.

You and your answers will represent mothers with newborns in this community and help the research team understand which resources and programs can help.

Your participation is very important. We thank you in advance for talking to us.

### ► Who is funding the study?

This study is sponsored by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development as well as national and local private foundations.

### ► Who do I contact for more information?

If you have questions about the Baby's First Years study please call us at 1(608) 301-5462. Se habla Español. You can also email: [bfystudy@gmail.com](mailto:bfystudy@gmail.com)

If you have any questions or concerns about University of Michigan interviewers, please call us toll-free at: 1-877-647-2122 (English) or 1-800-643-7605 (Spanish)



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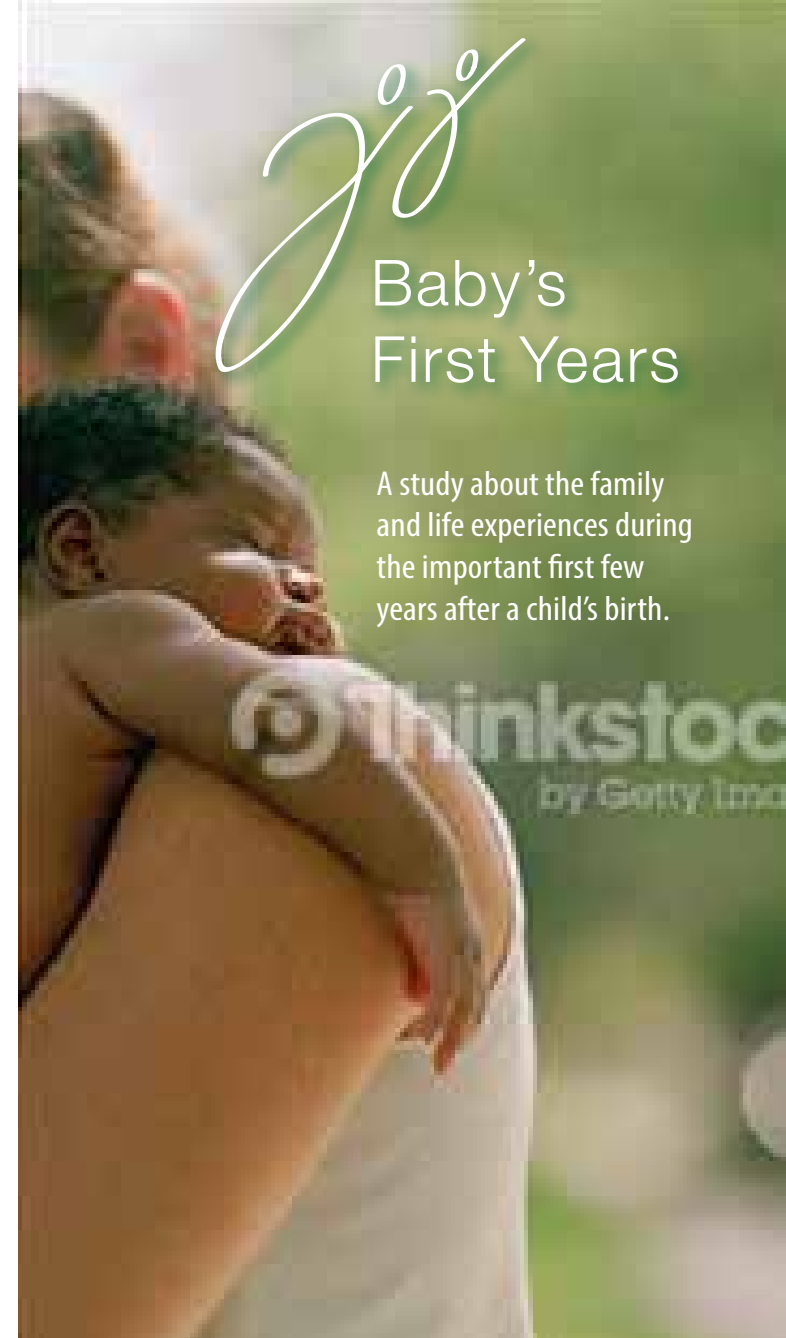


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The Institutional Review Board at [SITE] has reviewed and approved this research for compliance with local, state and federal policies and regulations regarding the ethical treatment of human participants in research.

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## Baby's First Years

A study about the family and life experiences during the important first few years after a child's birth.



Interviews conducted by the University of Michigan on behalf of Columbia University, New York University, University of California at Irvine, and University of Wisconsin at Madison.

## Participating in the Study: Common Questions

### ► What is this study about?

The goal of this research study is to gain an understanding of the family experiences and backgrounds of families with new babies. We hope that examining these factors during the first three years of child's life will help us understand how they influence how children learn and grow, and how programs can support families during the first years of their child's life.

### ► Who will do the interviews?

A trained interviewer from the University of Michigan will be here at the hospital to ask you questions before you go home. If you are eligible for this study, a trained interviewer will tell you more about the study and ask you if you are interested in participating.

### ► What will I be asked to do as part of this study?

First, we would like to ask for 5 minutes of your time to see if you are eligible to participate.

If you are eligible, we will ask you to complete a 45-minute Baseline interview for which we will give you \$50 in appreciation of your time.

After completing the baseline interview today we may be contacting you again for participation in future research opportunities such as informational interviews and studies on child behavior and brain development at about your child's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd birthday.

Your participation is voluntary and, before you agree to participate, the interviewer will explain all details of participation and all risks and benefits.

### ► What questions will the interviewers ask me?

The interviewer will ask you a few simple questions about your age, your child's birth, and other aspects to see if you are eligible. If you are eligible, the interviewer will ask questions about you, your baby, and your family. She will ask about your work and education, health, the neighborhood you live in, and similar types of information.

All of these questions are designed to inform researchers about how children begin their life. Your answers are voluntary. Any questions that you are not comfortable with will be skipped.

### ► Do I have to participate?

Your participation is completely voluntary. Saying "Yes" or "No" to being in the study will not change any benefits you get now or in the future. You can skip any question you do not want to answer.

Your participation is very important to the study's success. We hope you will agree to tell us about your experiences in your baby's first years.

### ► Will I be paid for participating?

You will receive \$50 for participating in the Baseline interview today if you are eligible for the study.

You may continue your participation and talk to us again if and when we follow-up with you at about your baby's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd birthdays, and you will receive payment for any future participation.

### ► What happens to my answers?

Your answers will be used for research. They will be combined with answers from many other mothers. The results will only be reported for groups of mothers and not for any specific individuals. Your answers will remain confidential and you and your baby will never be named or able to be identified in any publications or reports about the study.

### ► What about my privacy?

We are committed to protecting your privacy. This study will follow strict rules to protect your answers. Your name is replaced with a study number. Your name, address, and telephone number will be kept in secure files and will be separated from the answers you provide. Only the research team will see your individual answers.

This study holds a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institute of Health to help protect your privacy. This certificate protects researchers from being asked to release any research information that identifies you.



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