



Children's Hospital Boston

## Hello from Dr. Nelson

Hello from the Labs of Cognitive Neuroscience! All of us here at the LCN are enjoying the long awaited arrival of spring, and we hope that you are as well! We will be starting many new studies in the coming months for both infants and older children, including one for teenagers. You can find more details below. And, as always, please feel free to explore our [website](#) or contact our research team for more information about studies that you or your child might participate in.



Whether you have already taken part in our studies or have recently joined our growing participant registry, I greatly appreciate your interest in our research. Your support of our work and participation in our studies are invaluable to us in answering many important questions related to infant and child cognitive development.

Warm Wishes,

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## New Studies: From Babies to Teens!

This is an exciting time at the LCN, as we have many new projects getting under way. There will be new infant studies looking at how babies start to understand number concepts, as well as how they look at faces of different races and ethnicities. We will also have a new study for 5 and 10 year olds looking at how children respond to a range of facial expressions, including happiness, anger, and fear. We're also excited to add a new study for teenagers, which will investigate how they experience and handle stress.

Keep your eye on our website for more details on these studies as they get started in the coming months. If you are curious to hear more about any of these projects or would like to know what else is new, please feel free to contact Rebecca Hansen at [rebecca.hansen@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:rebecca.hansen@childrens.harvard.edu) or 857-218-3011. She will be happy to tell you about any projects your child might be eligible for!

## Do You Have a New Addition?

This summer marks the four year anniversary of the lab's move from Minnesota to Boston, which means that many of our participant families have been with us for just as long now! And, as we've heard from several parents in the last year, many have recently had the pleasure of welcoming a new addition to their family. If you also have a new bundle of joy at home and would like to hear about the many infant studies we have going on this year, please e-mail Rebecca Hansen ([rebecca.hansen@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:rebecca.hansen@childrens.harvard.edu)) to let us know about your newest family member. That way, we can be sure to keep you informed about any studies that might interest you!

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## In the Community

### Green Roots Festival by Bikes not Bombs

**June 6th, 12:00-5:30, the park at Stonybrook T stop (orange line)**

This year we will join this family-oriented festival, which has tons of great children's activities along with information about issues of environmental sustainability and social justice. There will be live music, food, and plenty of free fun for all! The event also serves as the finish line for [Bikes Not Bombs' annual Bike-a-Thon](#), which supports their many programs. If you don't often venture out to the Jamaica Plain area of Boston, this is a great reason to make the trip!



### Boston Children's Museum

For those of you who may not always have time to come into lab during the week, you can visit us at Boston Children's Museum on Saturdays! Dr. Margaret Sheridan will be there with some fun memory studies for children ages 4 and up. Look for her at the end of the main hallway on the third floor!

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## Calling all Stay-at-Home Dads!

We are still looking for infants with a male primary caregiver for our study, "The Other Gender Effect"! If you are a stay-at-home dad with a baby under one year of age, you and your baby might be eligible to participate. You can read more about the study [here](#).

If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Eliza Congdon: [eliza.congdon@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:eliza.congdon@childrens.harvard.edu) or 857-218-4779.



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