

Genetic Testing for Louisiana Acadian/Cajun Families with Hearing Loss

SEEKING RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

You or your child are eligible to participate if:

1. The hearing loss occurs prior to your child's first words.
2. You have two or more biologically related family members affected by hearing loss (including your child).
3. You and your child are of Louisiana Acadian (Cajun) ancestry.

An event to enroll interested participants will be held at the CPSB Elementary Department of Special Services (1015 6th Avenue in Lake Charles 70601) on April 11th from 3:00pm-5:00pm.

We will conduct a short interview about your family history and we may ask you and your child to provide a saliva sample for DNA/genetic testing. **Analysis and results will be provided free of charge.**

Questions? Contact us:

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