

# **Directions to IBR Evaluation Center:**

930 Willowbrook Rd., Building D/28 Staten Island, NY 10314

#### From the North Shore:

From Staten Island Expwy., Westbound, take Bradley Ave. exit and continue to Woolley Ave. Make left onto Woolley. Go south on Woolley Ave. to Willowbrook Rd. Turn right, proceed to gate at 930 Willowbrook Rd. Make a left, go through gate, stay left to first stop sign. Bear left and proceed to Building D on your right (Behavioral Sciences Building).

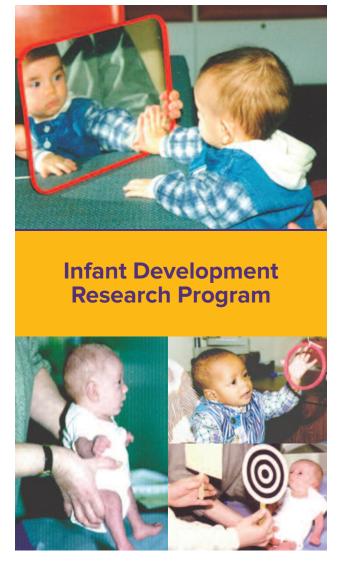
From Staten Island Expwy., Eastbound, take Victory Blvd. exit and make left at light. Proceed past entrance of College of Staten Island and turn right onto service road for Expwy. (S. Gannon Ave.). Make second right onto Willowbrook Rd. and continue to gate on your right at 930 Willowbrook Rd. Go through gate, and follow directions above.

### From the South Shore:

Take Richmond Ave. North; turn right at Forest Hill Rd. (Costco). Proceed to Willowbrook Rd. Make a left onto Willowbrook Rd., a left through the gate at 930 Willowbrook Rd., and follow directions above.



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# Infant Development Research Program

# **Understanding Your Baby's Development!**

We believe the way babies react to their surroundings is important for them to learn about the world.

The Infant Development Research Program

- Was developed to watch and learn about your baby's development over time.
- Studies how different babies develop and if early signs of developmental problems can be identified by comparing their behaviors.
- Is designed to learn which babies are at risk for developmental issues.
- Is a research program in which all findings are completely confidential.
- Is entirely voluntary.
- Does not charge a fee; your enrollment in the study is free of charge.

## **How the Program Works**

- We ask you to bring your baby to our site every few months, from birth to two years old. There is a total of 10-12 visits, each visit lasting 30-90 minutes.
- We give your baby age-appropriate standardized tests and research tasks. These tests give us information about how babies develop in several areas, including attention, memory and cognition, as well as how babies play with toys, move around, explore and socially interact. Also, we ask you to fill out some questionnaires, especially when your baby is older.
- Tests and tasks are designed to be fun and interesting, and to not cause any discomfort. If your baby gets upset for any reason, such as a soiled diaper, testing will pause so you can attend to your baby.
- The first test is in the hospital a few days before the baby goes home.
- When you come for your visits to IBR, you are with your baby at all times.
- Most tests are video-recorded for future analysis.
- At the end of each visit, we provide feedback about how your baby is developing and suggestions to help your baby's further development.

## **IBR Infant Development Research Program**

IBR's Research Team for the new member of your family....

- Studies how babies explore their world, especially those who are graduates of the NICU.
- Examines babies' responses to their surroundings.
- Monitors your baby's development on a regular basis and makes referrals, if necessary.
- Has the goal of understanding why some high-risk babies develop with no problems, while others show developmental concerns.

