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THE DEVELOPMENTAL RISK AND CULTURAL RESILIENCE PROGRAM

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We are located at the
Massachusetts Mental Health
Center within the Longwood
Medical Campus in Boston.

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MIMES

A STUDY OF MATERNAL-
INFANT MOOD & EMOTION



Beth Israel Deaconess
Medical Center

Researchers at the **Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center** are looking for pregnant women to participate in a study during pregnancy and with their infants after birth.

The purpose of this study is to **understand the role of psychiatric status and maternal experiences on infant development.** By studying these experiences, we hope to develop programs that improve the psychological and emotional health of women and their children.



ELIGIBILITY

- Between 18-43 years old
- Pregnant (any trimester)
- English Speaking
- Have been diagnosed with:
 - Major Depression
 - Bipolar Disorder
 - Psychosis (such as schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder)
- We are also looking for healthy, pregnant women who have not experienced the psychiatric disorders listed above

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Participants may earn up to **\$250**
- Visits take place at our center in the Longwood Medical Area
- Transportation & parking costs to our center may be covered
- Participation is voluntary and responses are confidential
- All procedures are non-invasive
- The study allows participants to become more educated about mental health and child development

PREGNANCY			BIRTH	BABY	
1st visit	2nd visit	3rd visit	Hospital	4th visit	
3-4 hours	~2 hours	~2 hours	~1 hour	~2 hours	
\$30	\$45	\$45	\$50	\$80	
Clinical interview	Questionnaires	Questionnaires	A team member will observe newborn behavior after birth	Questionnaires	
Questionnaires	Computer game activity	Computer game activity		Mother-infant social activity	
Psychological testing	Physiological recording	Physiological recording	Health assessment	Infant temperament assessment	
	Health assessment	Health assessment		Health assessment	