

New Study Probes Twin's Interactions with Parents, Peers

“How much time do you and your co-twin spend together?”

“How often do you and your co-twin quarrel or fight?”

Riley Marshall, M.S., and Dr. Lisabeth DiLalla, Director of the Southern Illinois University Twin Play Lab, want the answers to those questions and more.

These researchers want to study the interactions of twins with parents and peers in order to gain a better understanding of why some children experience certain behaviors more than others.

Dr. DiLalla and Riley Marshall are seeking to interview same-sex twins between the ages of 7 and 10 years and their parents. Parent participants will complete an online survey, and children will be interviewed using a brief questionnaire over Zoom. So participants can be from anywhere in the United States. The Zoom interview takes 45-60 minutes and can be completed after school, on school holidays or on weekends.

As an incentive, each participating family will receive a \$20. Amazon gift card, and each child receives a book. All participating families will also be entered into a drawing for the chance to win prizes.

Find out more about the project on our website: https://multiplesofamerica.org/riley_research/, or email Riley Marshall at: sitts@siu.edu

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SOUTHERN IL UNIVERSITY TWIN PLAY LAB
A STUDY BY RILEY MARSHALL AND DR. DILALLA

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INTERVIEW OVER ZOOM

Child interview takes about 45-60 minutes.
Parent survey takes about 60 minutes.

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Recent research completed by Dr. DiLalla includes: Twin Research in Psychopathology, The Effects of Parenting Styles and Parental Positivity on Preschoolers' Self-Perception, and The Role of Remembered Parenting on Adult Self-Esteem: A Monozygotic Twin Difference Study.