

Are you located in Southern Oregon?

Is your bipolar child between the ages of 15 and 25?

Would you like to participate in a study?

As a parent of a child with bipolar disorder, you could help in the development of an assessment tool to detect Juvenile Onset Bipolar Disorder.

How much time is involved?

You will be asked to review and sign a consent to participate in this study, a questionnaire and another short questionnaire. These documents will be mailed to you and should take about 30 minutes to complete. You will receive a packet which will include the questionnaires, the consent, information about a parenting seminar and an envelope that you can put your address on to get a free large pizza coupon.

What will I get from attending?

In addition to helping to develop a screening instrument, you will also be able to participate in a parenting informational seminar that will be offered to participants who complete and return the documents to the researcher. By participating in the study, you are not obligated to participate in the seminar. This seminar will specifically address parenting techniques that are helpful with bipolar children.

What are the Potential Benefits or Concerns? The overall potential benefit of the study may be to learn more about how bipolar disorder appears in children and adolescents, thus providing more information that could lead to a more accurate diagnosis and treatment at earlier stages. Concerns would be that in acknowledging some of your child's behaviors, you may experience some level of discomfort or distress.

Participation Is Voluntary: Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. There will be no penalty if you do not wish to be in this study, and you may withdraw at any time during the study. If you choose to withdraw, your responses to the questionnaires will not be included in any reports about the study.

Information Is Confidential: All information will be held as confidential. Once the information from the questionnaires has been collected, any identifying information, such as your name, will be replaced with a number, so as to protect your identity and confidentiality. As a result, no information can be connected to any specific person. The results of this study will be used in my dissertation. They may also be used in future journal articles or in a professional presentation. Additionally, the Institutional Review Board of my University (Union Institute & University) and my doctoral committee may review all study records. They are also required to keep private all information about the study.

If you would like to participate or have any questions regarding participation, please call Katherine Warner @ 541-772-3524.