

# National Children's Study in Duplin County

A special opportunity may soon be knocking on your door: a chance to help improve the health of future generations by being in the National Children's Study.

Pretty soon, a car with a purple, gold and red NCS logo might pull up to your house. One or two female interviewers wearing official NCS photo ID badges will ask to speak with a household member over the age of 18.

Giving just five minutes of your time will help the study get off to a great start.

The NCS is a long-term study examining how children's environments affect their health and development. "Environment" includes house dust, what children eat, how often they see a doctor, their neighborhood, and other questions about their lives. The study will take place in 105 counties across the nation. Duplin County is one of the first.

If no one is home, the interviewer will leave a card with her name and local phone number so you can call to set up

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**Purple, gold and red NCS logos like the one above will be on the side of the cars that our interviewers drive.**

a convenient time for a return visit. The card will also list the toll-free number for the NCS hotline.

NCS interviewers, who are from Duplin County or close by, are visiting all households in selected parts of the county. Nationally, the study will follow 100,000 children from before birth to age 21. In Duplin County, the goal is to enroll 250 newborns each year for about five years.

It's important for the NCS to speak to each household visited as each household is a valuable part of the NCS and cannot be replaced.

If the first visit determines that someone in the household might be eligible, the interviewers will complete a second short questionnaire with that person.

If she is eligible, she will be invited to participate. Once she is pregnant, more visits will be scheduled. Women in the study have control over their participation. They can refuse any part of the study or stop any time.

Duplin County's involvement is especially important, because generally these types of studies don't include rural settings. The county has a unique opportunity to represent rural areas across the state and the country.

The visit from the NCS interviewers is also an opportunity for you to ask questions, whether or not anyone in your household is eligible.

Please watch this monthly column for more information about the study.