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<i>Subject</i>	International students would like to get in touch with international children and their parents	<i>Contact</i>	Drs. C. Donner (Phone nr 06-15553043)

Dear parents,

At Leiden University we offer a Master program in Child and Adolescent Psychology. In this program our students learn about the normal and deviant development of children. This program is very popular and attracts students from around the world.

The goal of the courses is that students learn to work with normally developing children and to interact with them in a natural manner. For our Dutch students it is not difficult to find a young child to work with in their own family or at the school they attended while they were young. Our foreign students, however, have just arrived in the Netherlands and do not yet have the means to contact parents with young children. Moreover, they do not speak Dutch and thus need to interact with a child who speaks English or another language they have in common. This year's international students are from Greece, UK, Turkey, Cyprus and Spain.

These students would very much like to get in touch with parents of children for the course Psychological Assessment. This course is already in progress. Please see the second page of this document for a more detailed description of the logistics and requirements for the course.

In the past few years, several international families participated and the children very much enjoyed the playful interactions with our international students. Adolescents usually enjoy the contact with our students because it gives them some idea of what it means to study psychology. For the students, too, it was a great experience: it helped them to acquire the skills needed to interact with young children, and it helped them to get adjusted to their life in the Netherlands.

Our students and instructors would very much appreciate your child's participation in this assignment. If you would like more information or would like to register your child, please get in touch with Corry Donner (cdonner@fsw.leidenuniv.nl; 06-15553043).

And please feel free to contact the head of the Developmental and Educational Psychology unit: Professor Michiel Westenberg (westenberg@fsw.leidenuniv.nl; 071-5273628).

Yours sincerely,

Drs. C.J. Donner
Developmental and Educational Psychology Unit

Our international students need your help!

Message from Leiden University:

This Fall semester (2011) we have about 20 international students enrolled in our Master program in Child and Adolescent Psychology. They come from Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, the UK and Spain. To meet the requirements of their course Psychological Assessment, our students need to find children or adolescents to work with. Most of our international students are new to this country and have no international social network of their own yet. That is why we really need your help! We are looking for families in the region of Leiden/the Hague.

Specifically we need to find:

Children/adolescents, age 8-16, fluent in English, who are developing normally. For this course, our students need to administer a psychological assessment. This means they will meet with the parents/care-givers for an intake interview (up to 1 hour) during which they ask general questions about the child. Later, they will meet with the child/adolescent to administer an Intelligence test (WISC-III or WISC-IV)) and a questionnaire (Susan Harter's Self-perception profile). This should take no more than a half-day. Since this work is for educational purposes and it involves a practice situation for our students, the IQ score they find cannot be regarded as officially valid. That is why, unfortunately, our students will not be able to tell parents the final score or the interpretation of the scores. Please note that the WISC can only be administered once a year. If your child has recently been tested with the WISC or if you expect your child to need such testing in the near future, your child should not participate.

Please let us know if you are able and willing to help our international students. For more information, or to register your child(ren) for this Psychological Assessment, please contact: Drs. Corry Donner (coordinator international children) at Leiden University by email: cdonner@fsw.leidenuniv.nl

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