Research Opportunity

*Developing Technology to Improve Schedule Planning and Decision Making For Young People with Cerebral Palsy and Spina Bifida*

The University of Michigan’s Center for Technology and Independence is offering a unique opportunity for adolescent and young adults with cerebral palsy and spina bifida, along with their parent/legal guardian to participate in a series of focus group discussions (HUM00090188). Focus group sessions will be led by researchers from The University of Michigan’s School of Medicine and School of Engineering.

During each focus group session, all participants will be asked to complete a series of questionnaires and answer questions to assist these researchers in developing technologies which adolescent and young adults can use to improve independence and manage their day-to-day schedules, including self-management of daily and routine healthcare needs.

To take part in this study:

- Participants must be 13 to 29 years of age and have a clinical diagnosis of cerebral palsy or spina bifida
- The participant must live with at least one parent or legal guardian
- At least one parent or legal guardian must be willing to participate during the focus group session along with their child (the participant)
- Parent or legal guardian and their child (participant) will be asked to complete group exercises, surveys and questionnaires during each focus group session
- English must be the primary written and spoken language by both the participant and their parent or legal guardian

Participants and their parent/legal guardian, together, will be offered $50 for each focus group session. Each focus group session is expected to last approximately two hours.

To find out if your family might qualify to participate in these focus groups, call (734) 936-6023 or email UM-PMR-CTHI@med.umich.edu Visit the Collaboratory for Technology, Health, and Independence website for more information:  cthi.medicine.umich.edu