

signs for 8th St. Make a left onto 8th St. Once past Walnut St., look for entrance to the **Parkway Garage** on the right side. Park and follow *Walking from the Garage* directions below.

**From I-76 Eastbound (From points West: Harrisburg, Pittsburgh):** Take I-76 E to I-676 E into Center City Philadelphia. Take the 8th St. Exit, making a right at the bottom of the ramp onto 8th Street. Pass Market St., Chestnut St., and Walnut St. Once past Walnut St., look for entrance to the **Parkway Garage** on the right side. Park and follow *Walking From the Garage* directions below.

**Walking From the Garage:** Walk north up 8th St. to Walnut St. Make a left onto Walnut St. following the flow of traffic. Make a right up 9th St. and walk one block to Sansom St. Make a left and walk until you see the revolving doors of the Edison Building on your left. Once inside, you will be greeted by a security guard. Sign in, and take the elevator to the 2nd Floor. Follow signs to the Sensory Integration Laboratory, Suite 220.

**Walking From the Gallery (from SEPTA Market East):** Take escalators to Market St. exits. With City Hall to your right, cross Market St. and head south on 10th St., following the flow of traffic. Cross Chestnut St. and continue until you reach Sansom St. Make a left on Sansom St. and walk one block to 9th. The Edison Building is on the corner of 9th and Sansom. Once inside, you will be greeted by a security guard. Sign in, and take the elevator to the 2nd Floor. Follow signs to the Sensory Integration Laboratory, Suite 220.

The Sensory Integration Laboratory  
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# The Sensory Integration Laboratory

Devoted to increasing knowledge of  
sensory integration/sensory processing  
in children and adults



## Who we are:

The Sensory Integration Laboratory is a research center located in the Department of Occupational Therapy on the campus of Thomas Jefferson University, a name synonymous with excellence in health care, research, and human service delivery since 1824. The Sensory Integration Laboratory is headed by Roseann C. Schaaf, Ph.D., OTR/L, FAOTA, who is an internationally recognized expert in sensory integration in occupational therapy and known academically for her research in pediatric occupational therapy.

*Sensory integration allows a person to organize sensations from the environment and from within a person's body to engage in meaningful activities such as play or self care.*

## Our research:

The Sensory Integration Laboratory is dedicated to increasing knowledge of sensory processing and its effect on children and adults. We strive to improve awareness of sensory dysfunction and how it impacts daily life through examining how a person physiologically reacts to various sensations, and through standardized questionnaires and interviews looking at everyday activities and sensory preferences. Our research is approved by the Thomas Jefferson Institutional Review Board, which ensures the ethical and humane treatment of persons enrolled in research.

## How can my child participate?

*Currently we are seeking:*

- children with **autism**
- children with **problems processing and integrating sensory information**
- children who are **typically developing**

It is *vital* that children who are typically developing participate in research. This allows us to compare how different groups of children react to sensation.

## What should I expect if I participate?

When you call for more information, a research assistant will describe the study in more depth, and will obtain information from you that will help us determine if you or your child are eligible.

A date will be scheduled to come to the lab. You will be provided with a consent form to read and sign, and if your child is 7 years or older, her or she will be asked to print or sign that they understand the study. Parents will be asked to fill out other forms about their child too.

Overall, the time you spend in the lab will depend on the study your child is eligible for. The lab procedure, which takes approximately 30 minutes, is described to the children as a *spaceship ride*. The lab is decorated in an outer-space theme to help children enjoy the experience and relax. Children also receive a toy for their participation.

*Note:* There is no obligation to participate in this research study. Your child's current services will not be affected based on your choice to participate. All information collected at the time of testing is confidential.

## How do I contact the lab for more information?

**Phone:**

215-503-5709

**Web:**

<http://www.jefferson.edu/jchp/ot/silab.cfm>

## Directions:

*Complementary parking passes* to the **Parkway Garage** (located between 8th and 9th St. on Walnut St.) are provided to participants. We are also easily accessible to AMTRAK, SEPTA, and PATCO. Please contact these companies for specific routes to central Philadelphia.

**From I-95 Southbound (From points North: NY, PA):** From I-95 travel south to exit 22 to Center City Philadelphia. Take the Central Philadelphia exit (exit 22), and follow signs to Callowhill St. Make a left onto N. 6th Street. Make a right onto Walnut St., and a left onto 8th St. Immediately look for parking at the **Parkway Garage** to your right. Park and follow *Walking from the Garage* directions below.

**From I-95 Northbound (From points South: DE, MD):** From I-95 travel north and take the Central Philadelphia exit (exit 22) into the city. Follow signs to Callowhill St. Make a left onto 8th St. going south. Once past Walnut St., look for parking at the **Parkway Garage** to your right. Park and follow *Walking from the Garage* directions below.

**From the East (NJ):** Take the Benjamin Franklin Bridge into Philadelphia. Once over the bridge, immediately get in left lane and follow