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This year in Cache County, researchers will begin recruiting women in selected neighborhoods for a groundbreaking study that examines the effects of environment on children’s health. As part of the National Children’s Study, researchers will follow children from before birth until they turn 21.

They will choose families who represent a cross-section of ethnic, geographic, and socioeconomic groups. Eventually the study will follow 1000 births in Cache County.

The National Children’s Study will have locations in Utah; Salt Lake and Cache counties. A KUTV Channel 2 news report shows an example of how the research will examine the effects air pollution on children’s health, beginning by studying the environment where pregnant mothers live.

The Cache County study is led by the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Utah in collaboration with the CPD’s Early Intervention Research Institute at Utah State University.

Nationally it is led by the US Department of Health and Human Services through the National Institutes of Health; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the US Environmental Protection Agency.