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Cache Valley National Children's Study Expands Data Collection

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The National Children's Study in Cache County is pleased to announce the expansion of our data collection to include environmental and biologic samples. Due to the enthusiastic and professional performance of the local team at Utah State University, Cache County is one of the first locations in the country to implement expanded field visits. The visits now include environmental sampling of water and dust, as well as biological sampling of maternal blood and urine. This sampling occurs in coordination with confidential interviews that include both mothers and fathers before and after a child is born. We anticipate additional samples to be added in early 2012.

In cooperation with Logan Regional Hospital, cord blood and placenta samples are now collected when Study participants give birth. Birth interviews conducted by Study staff continue as well.

The response of Cache County families to the National Children's Study has been overwhelming. We have enrolled more than 700 families since the beginning of 2011 and the study appreciates their willingness to share their most private information in order to improve the health and well-being of children.

The National Children's Study will examine the effects of the environment, including the physical, chemical, biologic, and psycho-social exposures, on children from before birth until age 21.

For more information on how you can help this groundbreaking study, visit the Cache National Children's Study online or call 435-797-KIDS.