



Press Release
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Jessica Edwards George, PhD. CSA Grant Recipient

The Celiac Sprue Association (CSA) Peer Review Research Grant Program has awarded a grant to Jessica Edwards George, PhD. Dr. George's research project, entitled "Psychosocial and Behavioral Factors of Gluten-Free Diet Adherence in Children with Celiac Disease", will pilot test and refine a family-based gluten-free diet knowledge and adherence assessment for youth with celiac disease. The study will also examine the influence of psychosocial and behavioral functioning on gluten-free diet adherence in youth aged 7-17.

Dr. George holds a PhD. in Combined Counseling/School Psychology from Northeastern University, Bouve' College of Health Sciences in Boston, Massachusetts. She is a research/clinical postdoctoral fellow in pediatric psychology/gastrointestinal disorders in the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University at Rhode Island Hospital/Hasbro Children's Hospital. She is a member of the Pediatric Gastroenterology (Pedi GI) Research Team. This well-established multidisciplinary research team includes national and international experts in gastrointestinal disorders and adherence.

The CSA Peer Review Research Grant Program provides seed money for research projects in both clinical/applied research and theoretical research with therapeutic implications. Special emphasis is placed on innovative and/or cooperative research approaches. CSA, as a member based non-profit organization, funds programs through memberships, donations, and special fundraising projects. CSA maintains a national leadership role in celiac disease through a network of 126 Local Chapters and 62 Resource Units throughout the country. Members spread awareness and provide support in their mission as "Celiacs Helping Celiacs". Current information on CSA and the Peer Review Research Grant Program is available at the CSA website, www.csaceliacs.org or by calling toll free 877-CSA-4-CSA.

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