



Total Participants
Family Visits Complete
BIRC Visits Complete
June Participants

Wave 1
recruited 287
277
274
recruited 5

Wave 2
scheduled 107
94
82
scheduled 11

Pending :

- NIMH Grant: ~2.8M
- Grants in operation:
- ABCD ~2.1M
 - BRANCH ~2.2M



Current Research at GCDS



GCDS research at the ISSBD Conference in South Korea:

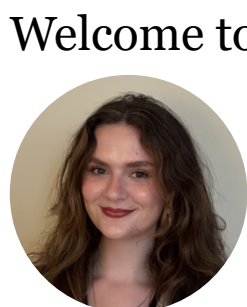
- **Dr Cullin Howard** presented his research titled “Patterns of Parent–Youth HRV Coregulation Shape Social Functioning: Moderation by Triple Network Neurocircuitry.”
- **Dr Nitzan Scharf** presented her research titled “The Interplay of Parent and Youth Emotion Regulation.”

Dr. Rabeeh Azarmehr’s publication in the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs* is now available online:

- Azarmehr, R., Geier, C., Oshri, A. (2026). Adolescent Cannabis Expectancies Are Associated With Parental Drug Use History Via Negative Urgency. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*.
<https://doi.org/10.15288/jsad.26-00026>



Dr. Cory Carvalho,
Postdoctoral Research
Associate



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Marianna Romero,
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Researcher



Maria Rodrigues,
Undergraduate Field
Researcher

Welcome to GCDS!!

Student Trainee Spotlight



Congrats to URA of the Month !

- **Rhea Upadhyia**, our Young Dawg intern for the summer, completed her final presentation titled, “Exploring Child Development- Insights from the BRANCH project.”
- Summer CURO URAs are working in their research teams of Data Collection, Data Management and Community Engagement
- Medical student interns are working with BRANCH research data and co-leading visits
- All trainees attended Article Discussion meetings



Yasmen Sghayyer is a junior, majoring in Psychology. She is a dependable member of the BRANCH Data Collection team and has contributed significantly with her attention to detail during visits



Family and Community Engagement

Kimberly Bennett, Participant Recruitment and Retention Specialist and **Mellinda Craig**, Field Research Team Lead have been instrumental in keeping the research team engaged with community and retaining research participants for the next wave of the BRANCH study.

- Outreach through social media
- Outreach through community events



VIPR Project: Cultivating Community Roots

- The first listening session with middle schoolers was held on 6/26
- Project begins Fall 2026



Science Spot

Graduate students and staff lead weekly meetings to discuss selected scientific articles and ongoing research. June topics were:

Lauren Holley- *Ecological Approach to Predicting the Onset of Suicide Behaviors and Thoughts in Adolescence*

Feiyu Wang- *Day-To-Day Parent-Child Sleep Timing: Symptom-Specific Patterns in Sleep Concordance and Dynamics*

Morrighan Wingate- *The Role of Marijuana Expectancies in the Association Between Access and Curiosity to Try Marijuana*