Thanks again for your dedication to the Back to Baby Basics Project! Enjoy the rest of your summer and we hope to see you soon!

Meet the Staff

Kameron Moding

Many of you have met graduate student Kameron during your visit to Penn State. She will continue to run visits and will be taking on the role of scheduling your visits come this fall! In her spare time she enjoys playing volleyball and going to Penn State football games.

Good-bye and Good Luck!

Many students and staff who have worked at B2BB have either graduated or are moving on to new jobs. See what they will be doing below. We will miss them!

Undergraduates
Erin Banashefski- Hershey Medical School.
Meghan Dugan- Salus University, Optometry.
Heather Marsh-Emery University School of Public Health.
J’nay Reckard-Brooklyn College Mental Health, Counseling.
Melissa Rossi-Hershey Medical School.

Staff
Kate Preschutti, Project Manager- working in Chicago.
Tina Iannucci, Research Technologist- moving to Philadelphia at the end of August.
With the summer months upon us, we at the Back to Baby Basics Project would like to send an update on the status of the project.

We finished the last 12-month visit in June. To date, 46 families have completed the study. The last 18-month visit will be completed in December.

We are looking forward to seeing the rest of the families throughout the fall months!

Thank you for your participation, which is incredibly valuable to the study!

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**Project Update**

**What’s Next?**

We would like to tell you a little bit about what we are planning next.

For those of you who have not attended the 18-month visit yet here are some things you can expect: your toddler will have the opportunity to explore new situations, play with interesting toys, try to wait for something they might want, and test out their new skills. Like all of the other visits we will also measure your toddler’s height and weight.

**Follow-up visits?**

Dr. Stifter recently submitted a grant to do a follow-up study of our B2BB families when your child is around pre-school age. We plan to have age appropriate activities for your child to see how they are developing. We hope to be in touch with you soon with more details!

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**Preliminary Findings**

We have been working hard entering your questionnaires and watching the recordings from your laboratory visits, and would like to tell you about some things that we are finding.

You may recall from your visit at 6-months that we asked you to feed your child a few bites of a new food, hummus or green beans. 68% of the parents chose to feed their babies hummus and 32% chose green beans. We found that babies showed many different responses to trying a new food. For example, 38% showed smiles whereas 35% showed disgust expressions to the new food.

You might also remember from your visits at 6-months and 12-months that we showed your child 2 different trays of toys: one tray had boring toys (block, cup, saucer) and the other had more intense toys (light, baby bottle that played music, wind-up toy). After looking at the recordings we found that children reached more quickly to the boring toys and held back a little more to the intense toys.

Over the next few months we will be looking at the data we collected and writing up our findings to submit to leading child development journals.

Thank you for your help with our study! Without you none of this would have been possible.