# **Participate in Research**

The embodied experience of returning to school following an acquired brain injury: Body mapping with children following acquired brain injury



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Did you go back to school after having a brain injury? Consider participating in an arts-based research study about transitions back to school after ABI

#### What is this study about?

We want to understand what it's like for kids to go back to elementary and middle school after a brain injury. We will ask you to explain your journey back to school by making a life-size body map to draw and paint your answers to our questions.

#### Who can participate?

We are looking for:

- Children who have experienced an ABI and were in hospital (even for one night) in the past 2 years
- Be age 6-14 now
- Had your ABI at or after age 6
- Be able to understand questions in English and communicate answers through words or alternative communication methods and drawing

#### What's involved?

The study involves 3 arts-based body mapping sessions lasting approximately 1 hour each [can be after school or weekends if more convenient]. A body map is a life-size tracing of your body that is coloured and painted in with pictures and drawings about your life following ABI.

### What are the benefits of participating?

- Participating will help us to understand what it's like for kids to return to school after ABI.
- Making a body map can be fun!

#### What are the risks of participating?

- Sometimes it can be uncomfortable or upsetting to remember difficult times, like having an ABI
- Participating may lead to fatigue

Participants will receive reimbursement for travel/parking costs and a small token of appreciation to thank them for their time. Participants may receive volunteer hours for their time.





