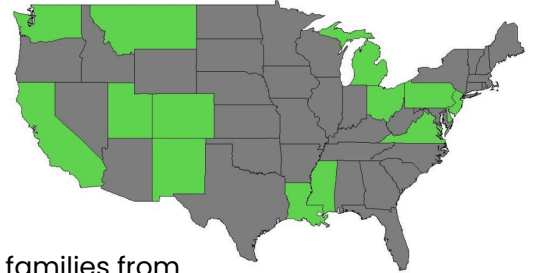


BLOOM NEWSLETTER



BLOOMIN' ACROSS THE MAP

We are thrilled to share some exciting news: The BLOOM Study now has participants from 13 different states! It is incredibly inspiring to see our community blooming across the country, and we owe a huge thank you to the families who have already joined us on this journey.



Help Us Reach All 50 States! Our goal is to ensure our research represents families from every corner of the nation. We would love to see a "Bloomin' Family" in all 50 states! Having participants in diverse locations helps our research become more robust and impactful for families everywhere.

Do you have friends or family who have a child born with a cleft? Whether they are just down the street, in a different state, or on the other coast, we'd love for them to hear about us. Your personal word-of-mouth makes a world of difference.

How You Could Help:

- **Share our link:** Send www.thebloomstudy.org to your parent groups or group chats.
- **Social Media:** Post about your experience with the study and share a link to our webpage.
- **Pass it on:** Mention the study at your next connection with a parent who has a child with a cleft.

Thank you for being such a vital part of this research. Every new participant brings us one step closer to meaningful discoveries!

MEET OUR PARENT ADVISORS



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The BLOOM study is strengthened by our Parent Advisors, parents who share their time, insight, and lived experience to help shape this work. Their feedback informs study design, family-facing materials, and how we communicate with caregivers, ensuring BLOOM remains family-centered and grounded in what matters most to families and providers. We are grateful for their partnership!

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THE BLOOM TEAM AT CONFERENCES

The BLOOM team is proud to represent our community at two major upcoming conferences for the American Association of Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) and the American Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Association (ACPA). These meetings provide a platform for us to share our specific findings on childhood growth trends with fellow experts. By translating your family's participation into shared medical knowledge, we are contributing to a deeper understanding of cleft care for the community.