

The Infant Testing Center

The department has a rich history of research in the area of infancy. In the early 1960s, a longitudinal study of infants using the Bayley's Scale of Infant Development (BSID) was initiated. One major outcome of this research was the development of Baroda norms for the BSID. It is the only normative study available on the development of Indian infants. This significant contribution provided the background for the establishment of the Infant Testing Center in the year 1983-84 in collaboration with Shri Maharani Shantadevi Trust Hospital, Baroda. The unique feature of the Center is the regular service offered for assessing infants on the DAASII for determining their developmental status. Infants who are suspected to be at risk are referred by local pediatricians. Periodically, the center also conducts training program for using the DAASII scale. Participants include pediatricians, child development workers, social workers, and researchers interested in the area.