

## **Letter written to the Feingold Association from a mom whose child was in the Mattes 1981 study**

My daughter, Christine, was one of the children in the study.

Points I remember:

1. Took a long time to do the study, because each time Chrissy got a "toxic" cookie she not only got hyper, but also got severe ear infections and sick. Her school work regressed, as much as it can in kindergarten. After school she was in a dance class the school sponsored, and after her "after school snack cookie" got so bad they called me to pick her up early.
2. I also remember getting a phone call after it was completed, telling me that 5 out of 6 of the children reacted to the "toxic" cookies and that Chrissy was definitely one of those children.

The next day he published in *Newsday* that there was no significant proof. Even her teachers laughed.

3. In the report he states some of the children did not eat all six cookies. That is correct! After 2 cookies, Chrissy was nuts; after 4 my family was ready to drive me off a ships plank for agreeing to this mess; also Chrissy was ready to kill me.
4. As far as getting a cookie 1.5 hr before seeing him, only once did that occur. I couldn't control her and drive the Long Island Expressway for 1.5 hours with her in a reaction.