

WHEN DOCTORS REPEATEDLY TELL YOU  
THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO,  
IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF FAMILIES  
TO PROVE THEY'RE WRONG.

Talk to the Caring Families of TACA at a  
Monthly Support Group Meeting Near You

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3rd Saturday of each month  
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2nd Saturday of each month  
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3rd Wednesday of each month  
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**west hills**

1st Sunday of each month  
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Please see [www.tacanow.org](http://www.tacanow.org) for the  
time and location of each group meeting.



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TALK ABOUT CURING AUTISM

*Families with Autism  
Helping Families with Autism*

For more information please visit  
[www.tacanow.org](http://www.tacanow.org)

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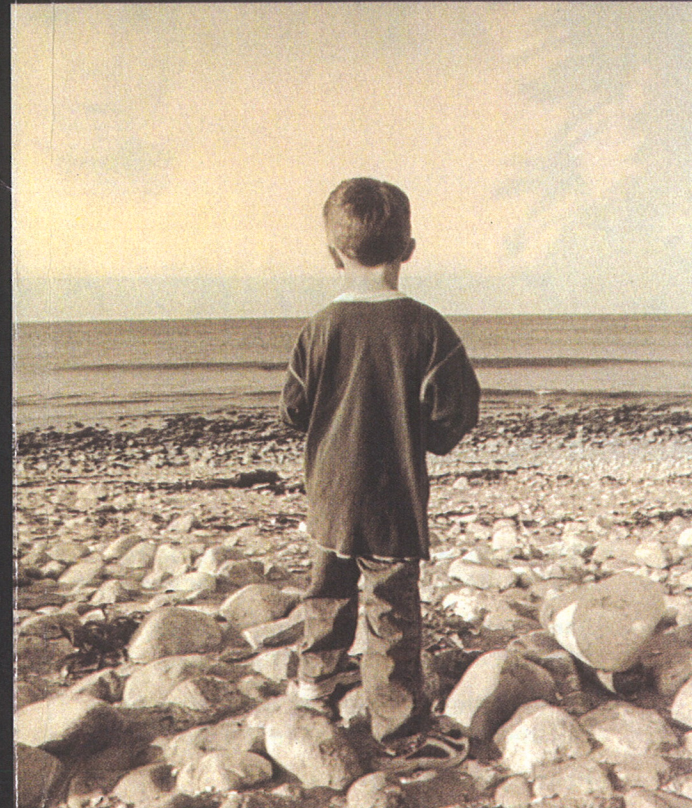
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TALK ABOUT CURING AUTISM



**1 IN 150**  
CHILDREN ARE DIAGNOSED  
WITH AUTISM.

**SO WHY DO THEIR  
FAMILIES FEEL SO ALONE?**



SOME OF OUR FAMILIES  
HAVE BEEN TOLD TO PUT THEIR  
CHILD IN AN INSTITUTION.

WE'RE HOPING FOR HARVARD.

*TACA provides 95% of its services at no charge to members. Your support makes all the difference in our ability to provide high quality programs and serve more families.*

**THE GOAL OF TACA IS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND CONNECTIONS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Make a personal donation. Every dollar counts. Donate online at [www.tacanow.org](http://www.tacanow.org).
- Participate in TACA's annual family & friends campaign from April to June.
- Host an event to support TACA. Give us a call and we will help make it a success.
- Honor someone special with a donation in their honor or memory.
- Support TACA through your workplace giving program, like the United Way.
- Designate TACA as a beneficiary in your will or life insurance policy.
- Support TACA events by attending, donating, volunteering or serving on a committee. Visit [www.tacanow.org](http://www.tacanow.org) for a list of events.
- Become a parent mentor.
- If you are an autism service provider, donate services at no-charge to TACA-reviewed families who can't afford necessary services.
- Volunteer at a TACA event or serve on a committee.

“*Autism is stealing  
the minds and souls  
of a generation of children.*”

For families who have just received the autism diagnosis, TACA aims to speed up the cycle time from the autism diagnosis to effective treatments. TACA helps to strengthen the California autism community by connecting families and the professionals who can help them, allowing them to share stories and information to help people with autism be the best they can be. TACA offers the following programs for families:

### monthly meetings

TACA holds monthly meetings in eight locations throughout California that feature educational speakers on important topics and allow family members to connect with one another and stay on top of the latest information in the autism world.

### annual picnic

Each September TACA brings families together for a happy day of safe and fun activities for children with autism. More than 1,000 family members are expected to attend this year's event which is a primary fundraiser for TACA.

### autism journey guide

This nearly 300-page guide provides families with the information they need to know as they begin the autism journey. Guides are given away at no charge only at TACA meetings.

### education seminars

TACA offers quarterly full-day new parent seminars, an annual medical seminar and a seminar aimed at educating physicians about how to care for people with autism.

### parent mentors

Mentors throughout the state are available to support families on a one-on-one basis during their autism journey.

### resource libraries

Each TACA group maintains a resource library of the latest autism books and tapes that can be checked out by members at no charge.

### adopt-a-family

Provides gifts, food and other necessities for families with autism who need additional help during the holiday season.

### families in crisis scholarship fund

This program was developed to help families in crisis. We understand the hardship that comes along with having an autistic child, and realize that many families are just one small crisis away from disaster. It is our desire to help prevent catastrophes when possible by providing limited financial assistance to qualified families.

### marriage & family counseling group

We know that our families often face serious challenges that can exhaust couples and put relationships at risk. This group (limited to five couples for each 8-week session) is facilitated by a licensed marriage and family therapist and aimed specifically at parents of autistic children. This program is available on a limited basis.

### teen detective group

Pre-teen and teenagers with autism face ongoing social skill challenges that may leave them at risk for emotional problems. Three therapists meet with a group of 10 children to guide them in experience-based social skills in a variety of settings. This program is available on a limited basis.