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**Los Angeles & San Fernando Valley**

**Come to a TACA Meeting!**

TACA holds monthly meetings in many locations throughout the United States 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. Each TACA group maintains a resource library of the latest autism books that can be checked out by members at no charge. TACA membership is FREE!

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| Date: | Meets the 1st **or** 2nd Sunday of each month (no meeting in March, August, or December) | |
| Time: | 4:00 – 6:00 PM |
| Location: | The Congregational Church of the Chimes 14115 Magnolia Blvd. Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 |
| Coordinators: | Moira Giammatteo and Holly Riley  [**Moira.Giammatteo@tacanow.org**](mailto:Moira.Giammatteo@tacanow.org) **&** [**Holly.Riley@tacanow.org**](mailto:Holly.Riley@tacanow.org) |
| Child care: | Not Available at this time, sorry. |
| **1st Wed. Each Month!**   * **March 7** * **April 4** * **May 2** | **Monthly Coffee Talk: Bubank Town Center Mall Food Court, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  Come and receive some extra support or to chat all topics related to autism and meet other TACA families. Bring a mug of coffee or tea, maybe a muffin and relax. |
| **April 1** | **Major Changes in Special Education Law** – **What you need to know to help your child**  How to Navigate the System and deal with the major transitions in each step of the process (Early Start to Preschool, Preschool to Kindergarten, elementary school to middle school etc)  Being the parent of a special needs child is difficult enough already, making sure your children have the services they need shouldn't make it harder. For parents of special needs children, the special education process can be intimidating and confusing. This is ever more concerning when facing the school District’s budget crisis and cuts in services. Parents typically do not have the legal knowledge necessary to ensure that their school or Regional Center provides an appropriate education for their child. Join us for Sarit’s lecture and learn what you can do to help secure appropriate services for your child.  Speaker: Sarit Ariam, Esq. Sarit is an attorney who specializes in Special Education law and is a parent of a child with Autism. |