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<u>Listen, Learn & Take Action...Talk About Curing Autism (TACA) "Real Help Now" West Coast Regional Conference offers practical information and support for families affected by autism.</u>

TACA's Real Help Now Conference comes to Las Vegas, NV March 3rd and 4th, 2012, featuring nationally renowned speakers, the latest in autism research, information and more to educate and support families affected by autism.

Irvine, CA, February 6, 2012–At no other point in history has the need for autism awareness been so critical declares Talk About Curing Autism (TACA) -- a non-profit organization dedicated to providing support, education and resources to over 28,000 families across the United States who are affected by autism. The increase in autism prevalence is staggering. This disorder currently affects 1 in every 91 children and 1 in 58 boys. To fill the that information void, TACA will be presenting the "Real Help Now" Western Regional Conference at Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas, NV on March 3rd and 4th, 2012.

The conference was designed to deliver the latest on medical, dietary and legal issues for children and families living with autism. Nationally renowned experts including David Berger (M.D., FAAP), Anju Usman (M.D. and co-founder, ACE Autism Center for Enlightenment), Lisa Ackerman (Founder, Talk About Curing Autism), Richard Frye (M.D., Ph.D.) Martha Herbert (M.D.), and Dan Rossignol, (MD) will be presenting on the most relevant autism topics of the day.

The Real Help Now Conference will also provide tools to help translate the information gained from the conference speakers into action for your child; including the Real Help Now Workbook with step-by-step processes to help ascertain appropriate interventions and timelines, and TACA trained Parent Mentors to work one-on-one with attendees.

"TACA's conference goal is to provide Real Help Now to families living with autism. This low cost conference offers families the latest in education, tools and best practices to help

their child achieve the best quality of life possible", says Lisa Ackerman, TACA Founder & Executive Director. "Our desire is that by the end of the conference, families will be empowered and armed with a positive action plan to help their child with autism."

TACA's Real Help Now 2012 Conference March 3rd & 4th will take place at Planet Hollywood located on the Las Vegas Strip. A Saturday Night workshop will be held from 7-9pm, with a 6pm registration. The Sunday conference will open with 8 am registration and a general session from 9 am – 4pm. Conference fees range from \$40-\$50 per person and will include a light breakfast and lunch. Registration is available at www.tacanow.org. Financial assistance & scholarships information is available upon request. TACA reserves the right to refuse admittance to any individual.

What is Autism

Autism is a devastating neurological and biological disorder that is typically diagnosed in children between the ages in 18 months to five years of age. Autism currently affects 1 in every 91 children and 1 in 58 boys. It is estimated there are almost 2 million people in the United States that are diagnosed with autism. More children are diagnosed with autism each year than with AIDS, diabetes, and cancer combined. Autism is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the United States. Currently there is no medical detection or cure for autism and the cause remains unclear. Thousands of children have shown significant improvement due to early diagnosis and effective interventions. Additional information is available at www.tacanow.org

About Talk About Curing Autism

Talk About Curing Autism (TACA) is a national non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides support, education and information, and resources to over 28,000 families across the United States affected by autism. TACA provides the largest national telephone and email response team for parents who have a child affected by autism. 95 percent of TACA's programs and services are provided at no charge and include education and support meetings, parent mentoring, and the Autism Journey Guide. TACA aims to speed up the cycle time from the autism diagnosis to effective treatments. TACA helps to strengthen the autism community by connecting families and the professionals who can help them, allowing them to share stories and information to help improve the quality of life for people with autism. Additional information is available at www.tacanow.org

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