



TACA Mentor Update Meeting - June 2024

Agenda – June 2024

1. Updates
2. Training
3. Discussion

Updates

FOR YOUR MENTEES:

- One day sale for the National TACA Autism Conference in October is June 21st – in-person Ticket for only \$99
- Price increase to \$175 on June 22nd
- Conference dates – October 18-20, 2024, Hilton Orange County/Cosa Mesa
 - *MENTORS WILL USE THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION LINK!*
 - *(If you are a Leader, you will use the Leader link!)*

June is Challenging Behavior Month

- Upcoming Virtual Support and Family Panel will be Watch & Learn on Constipation with Lanier Rossignol
- Focus this month on underlying medical needs and tangible support



Updates

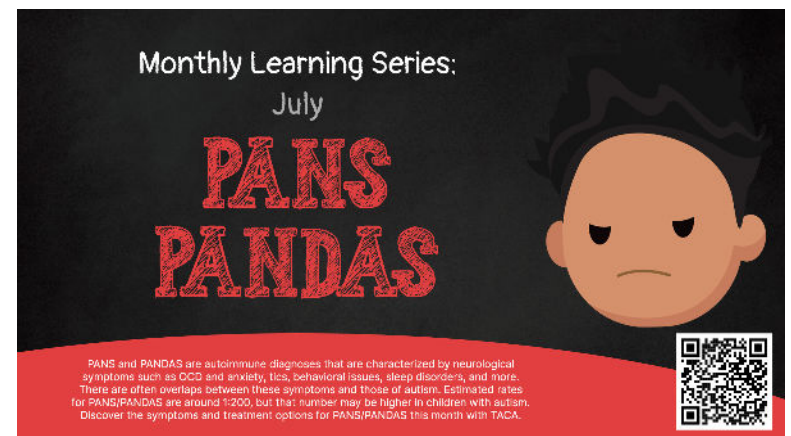
FOR YOUR MENTEES:

Also, this June, **What to Do During the Summer Months** will be featured

- This article and others (travel, working with your child at home, etc.) can all help parents make the most of the summer.

July is PANDAS/PANS Month & Back to School Prep

- We cannot diagnose! Parents can start with TACA resource articles, H&H and a referral to Aspire and Neuroimmune Foundation. Both are great resources.
- Focus this month on underlying medical needs and tangible support.



Reopened

The Mentor Program has been reopened:

- Parents interested in having a Mentor have had the opportunity to join a waitlist for the reopening
- THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE A **STAGGERED REOPENING!** We have begun to reopen in tiers to ensure Mentors are not overwhelmed!
- Those waiting for a mentor have and will continue to have the opportunity to join Mentee Pop-Ups to learn about TACA Programs and receive some virtual mentoring.
 - This support will stay in place as we reopen and begin matching.

As we continue to match – Please keep in mind!

- Relationships are 3-months long
- Focused around Create-A-Plan



Training

COI and DocuSign agreements are coming your way!

Supporting Challenging Behavior:

- "Challenging" means different things to different people, and supporting a 3 yo vs 23 yo is very different
 - Keep in mind, *everyone's hard is hard*
- Focus on things a parent can act on now – Constipation, Sleep, Observing, requesting support (FBA/BIP), Seizures, taking data, circle of support
- Work up to things that take time/waitlists – Changing the diet, getting into ABA or therapy
- TACA Programs – articles, H&H, and virtual support

Utilize the Create a Plan at the start of your match to help a parent prioritize and focus on concerns and next steps!

July is PANDAS/PANS – while we cannot diagnose, we will focus on other causes of aggression in order to help families rule out other issues and communicate effectively for support.

Create a Plan for your Child

Parents play an invaluable role in advocating for their child. To help that process, start by creating priorities. Then, share these priorities with your medical and therapeutic team. Be sure to evaluate your plan every 6-12 months.

Top 5 Issues to Address & Behaviors to Minimize:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Top 5 Things Your Child Needs to Learn:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Training

The private Mentor Training Webpage has all the information and upcoming events to register!

Visit – www.tacanow.org/mentor-training

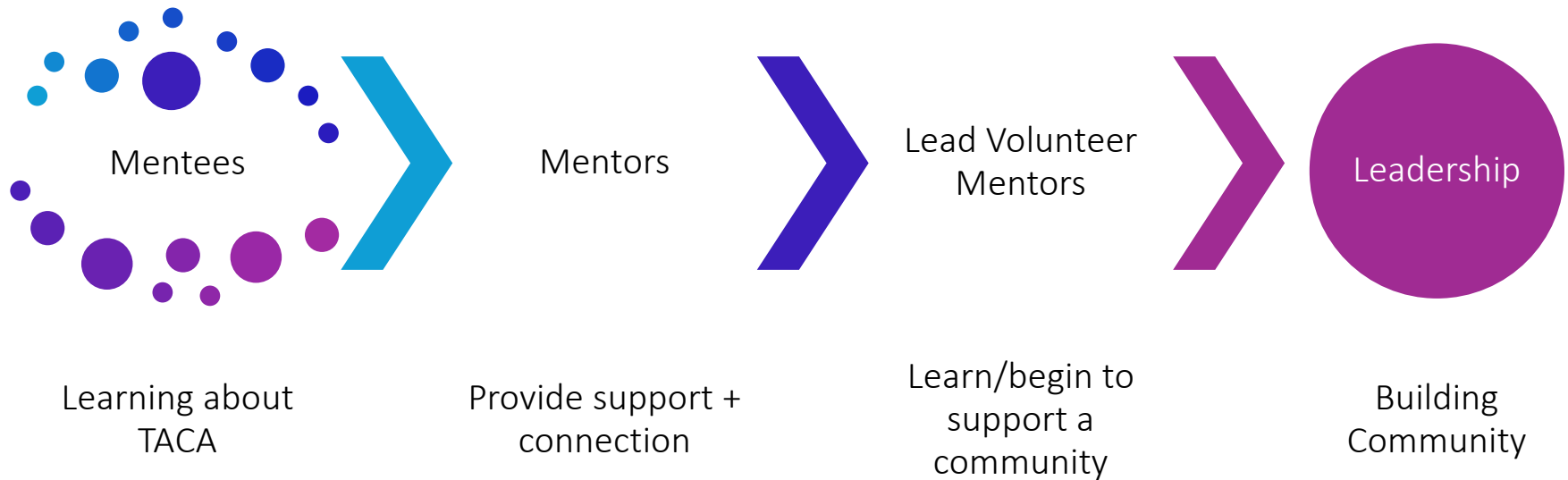
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DATA! Don't forget your data!

- We use data to know you are actively mentoring!
- We use data to tell our volunteer story!

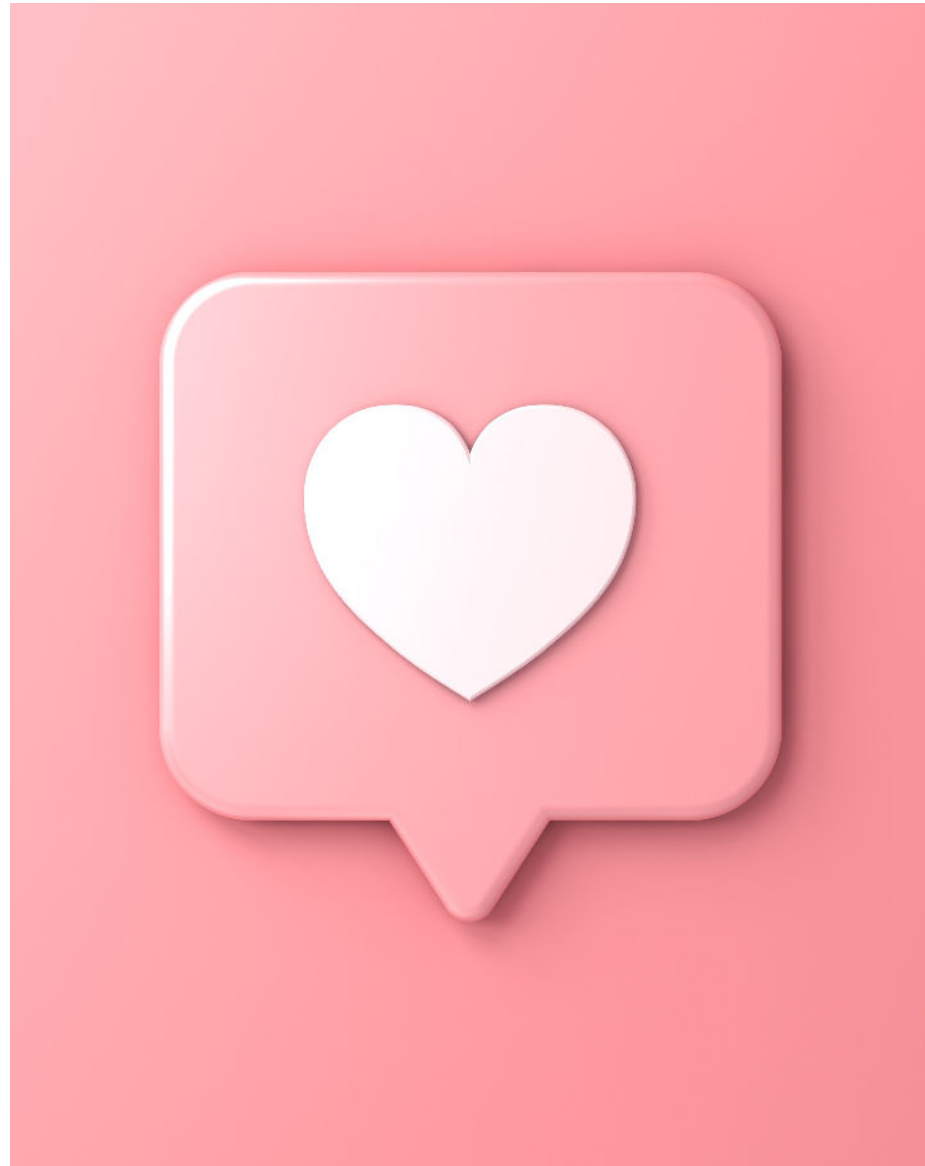


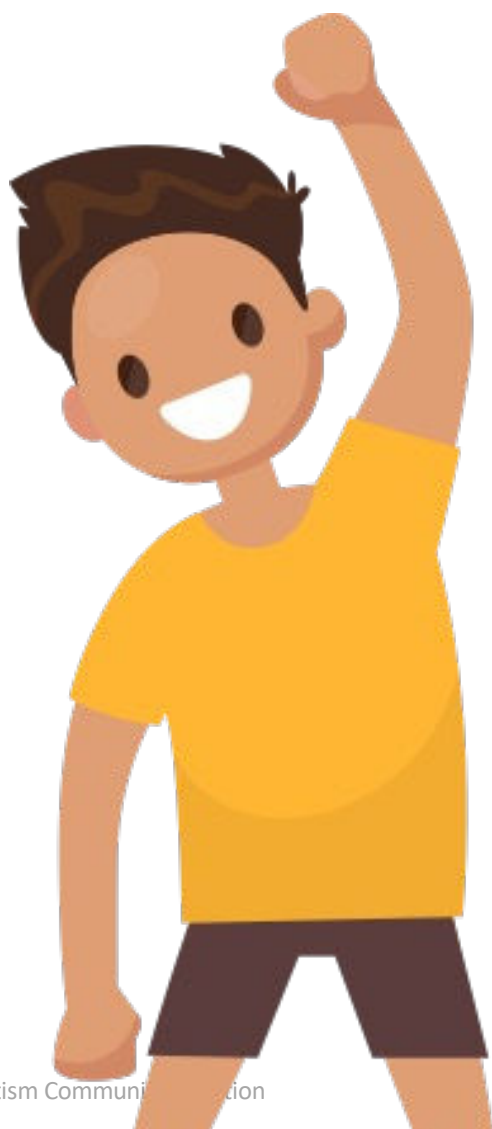
TACA Volunteer Pathway



Discussion

What would you like to see more of from TACA in the next volunteer year?





It takes a village!

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