

# CHILDREN

with

AUTISM

Presented by  
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**3 Tuesdays ~ June 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and July 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 5:30-7:30pm**

**Location: Dunsmuir Community Resource Center, 5840 Dunsmuir Avenue, Dunsmuir**

**Dinner and child care are provided!**

**This 3-part series, will address Understanding, Changing, and Improving Behavior in Children with Autism.** One of the most important ways that we can each help a child with autism to better function in home, school and community environments is to understand why he or she engages in challenging behaviors and then give him or her the tools to learn new skills and behave appropriately in order to communicate and access what he or she wants. Autism, as a disability, is baffling and it is difficult for parents and educators to know how to best interact with and improve a particular child's behavior.

**We will cover the following topics:**

- Functions of behavior
- Increasing appropriate behavior
- Decreasing inappropriate behavior
- Functional communication training

Come with your notebook and pen and be prepared to learn new strategies and intervention techniques to help improve, not only the behavior of a particular child with autism, but to improve your overall home life for family or your classroom environment for all your students.



**Sonja de Boer** is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and obtained her Ph.D. in special education and psychology and research in education, with an emphasis on early intervention for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). She has 25 years of experience working in early childhood special education, early intervention services, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), with students with disabilities, and specifically children with ASD.

