About the speakers:

Dr. David Black, PhD, is a neuropsychologist, nationally and internationally recognized autism expert, and director of the Center for Assessment Treatment (CAAT; caatonline.com), which provides comprehensive neuropsychological assessment and treatment, including autism and early development specialty clinics. Dr. Black is also a researcher in the Pediatrics and Developmental Neuroscience Branch at the National Institute of Mental Health, NIH where he has been investigating the factors that contribute to the best long-term outcomes with autism spectrum disorders. His clinical and research interests have focused on the neurocognitive and psychological underpinnings for effective navigation of the social world. Dr. Black's autism Clinic at CAAT specializes in the transition to adulthood and the unique challenges inherent in that transition, as well as in the role of stress and anxiety in autism and intervention that may reduce its impact.

Hope Harris-Black, MSW, is an accomplished child and family therapist with over 15 years of clinical experience. She is the co-founder of the Center for Assessment And Treatment and Director of the CAAT PEERS(r) social and relationship-building program (http://caatonline.com/peers/). Ms. Harris-Black appreciates the challenges faced by families who are raising children and young adults with complex social challenges and self-regulatory difficulties and understands its impact on the family system. She believes it is important to not only treat the individual diagnosed with autism, but to provide treatment and support for the family as a whole. Ms. Harris-Black works collaboratively with her clients from a strengths-based approach to empower them to overcome obstacles and reach their potential. She specializes in treating teens and young adults both on and off the Autism Spectrum. Ms. Harris-Black is a graduate of the University of Southern California School of Social Work where she concentrated on clinical work with families, adolescents and children.