

Summit Agenda

Current Thinking About Autism and PDA



9:30 EST | Welcome

9:35 EST | **Dr. Judy Eaton and Sophie Leman** | *PDA: Current Thinking, Challenges & the Lived Perspective*

Dr. Judy Eaton, a clinical psychologist, is known for her work with autistic individuals—especially those with PDA—and promotes a low-demand, collaborative approach centered on understanding, flexibility, and accommodations. Sophie Leman, an autistic self-advocate with PDA, draws from her lived experience to speak powerfully about the impact of not being heard and the importance of caregiver education. Together, they share insights that may help deepen understanding and inform supportive practices.

10:45 EST | **Dr. Barry Prizant** | *Uniquely Human: Understanding and Supporting Autistic and Neurodivergent Children*

Dr. Barry Prizant is a renowned speech-language pathologist, researcher, and consultant specializing in autism and communication disorders. He is best known as the lead developer of the SCERTS Model—an evidence-based framework that emphasizes social communication, emotional regulation, and transactional support to better understand and support autistic individuals.

12:00 EST | Break

12:15 EST | **Dr. Shelley Moore** | *The Evolution of Inclusion*

Based in British Columbia, Dr. Shelley Moore is an inclusive education researcher, teacher, consultant, and storyteller. She has worked with school districts and organizations around the world, focusing on supporting educators to design responsive, strength-based classrooms inclusive of students with intellectual disabilities.

1:30 EST | **Dr. Destiny Huff** | *The Weight of the Invisible Load: Navigating Parent Shame in Advocacy & Profession*

Dr. Destiny Huff, LPC, is a late-diagnosed Autistic and ADHD military spouse and mother of two neurodivergent children. As a mental health therapist and non-attorney special education advocate, she advocates for the rights and well-being of neurodivergent learners and is committed to empowering families to navigate the special education system.

2:30 EST | **Dr. Ross Greene** | *Collaborative & Proactive Solutions: Meeting Kids Where They're At*

Dr. Ross Greene is a clinical psychologist, author, researcher, and the founding director of Lives in the Balance. He is best known for developing the Collaborative & Proactive Solutions (CPS) model, a compassionate, skill-building approach for understanding and supporting children. Dr. Greene is the author of several influential books, including *The Explosive Child*, *Lost at School*, *Lost & Found*, and *Raising Human Beings*.

3:00 EST | Closing