**ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM**

**MISSION**

▪ Educate adults on the autism spectrum, their parents & caregivers, and others

 about Autism Spectrum Disorders regarding adult autism issues

▪ Present the latest studies and findings about empirically-based strategies and

 Treatments

▪ Advance the skills of professionals and others who work with the autism community

▪ Help connect autistic adults, their parents/caregivers, professionals, and others

▪ Showcase autism-related service providers and help them connect with those seeking

 services and also collaborate with other organizations in our community and

 elsewhere

**AUDIENCE**

This conference is intended for adults on the autism spectrum, their parents/caregivers, professionals who work with this population, researchers, and other interested individuals to attend the Symposium. This is a first-year, inaugural event, and we expect 135 to 165 people to attend.

**WORKSHOPS**

Participants can choose from 11 different sessions (including two sessions of an employment autism symposium). Topics range from employment, independent living, social relationships/skills, health and wellness, autism and society, latest research findings, medical issues, transitions, support systems, preparing for life after school, and much more.

 **EXHIBITORS**

Approximately 40 autism-related organizations will exhibit at this event. Attendees can visit exhibitors before the workshops start, between workshops, during lunch, or during workshops. People can make great connections and find new resources among all these great vendors.