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## **Family Involvement in Eating Disorders Is Keynote Address at 2015 iaedp Symposium**

**Pekin, IL (Jan. 20, 2015)** – Novel treatments and educational formats for families have produced some of the most interesting advances over the last decade in the field of eating disorders. Recognizing that eating disorder clients have been strongly influenced by family dynamics, and that recovery is a “family affair,” Claudia Black, PhD, will offer one of the keynote addresses and a dynamic presentation that speaks to working with client and family at the internationally renowned [2015 iaedp Symposium](#) in Phoenix on March 19 – 22.

The workshop, entitled “The Family as the Client,” will be presented by Dr. Black, whose seminal work with children impacted by substance abuse in the late 1970s created the foundation for the adult-child movement. Today Dr. Black is a renowned author and trainer internationally recognized for her pioneering and contemporary work with family systems and addictive disorders. She is Senior Fellow and Addiction and Trauma Program Specialist at The Meadows Treatment Center in Arizona. The presentation will address therapeutic considerations in working with the eating disorder client. She also will discuss the impact of relational trauma and ensuing emotional dysregulation often perpetuated within the family system.

Dr. Black’s presentation will be one of the kick-off sessions of the over 40 workshops and feature gatherings at this year’s iaedp Symposium for eating disorder professionals. “Our line-up of professionals presenting at this year’s Symposium is extraordinary,” said Bonnie Harken, Managing Director of The iaedp Foundation. “The most noted eating disorders professionals from around the country and internationally will be in attendance to both present and learn about new research and treatments in our field. The knowledge gained during this short period of time will be outstanding for all those in attendance.”

For registration information about the 2015 iaedp Symposium in Phoenix at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort, go to [iaedp.com](http://iaedp.com).

**About iaedp:** Since 1985, the [International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals](http://iaedp.com) has provided education and training standards to an international and multidisciplinary group of various healthcare treatment providers and helping professions.

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