## Suggested Interview Questions Kenny Handelman, M.D. author of ATTENTION DIFFERENCE DISORDER: How to Turn Your ADHD Child or Teen's Differences into Strengths in 7 Simple Steps

## **Basic Questions:**

- 1. What is ADD?
- 2. What's the difference between ADD and ADHD?
- 3. Is ADD real?
- 4. How do parents know if their child has it?
- 5. Are medications needed for ADD?
- 6. Are we overmedicating children?
- 7. Are there any alternatives to medication which may be helpful?
- 8. What are the steps that a parent should take to help their child with ADD/ADHD?

## More Advanced Questions:

- 1. How can the differences exhibited by kids and teens with ADD be turned into strengths?
- 2. What are the risks to young people with untreated ADD? Is there an impact beyond academics?
- 3. Is ADD hereditary?
- 4. Are those children diagnosed with ADD often impacted by co-existing conditions?
- 5. What is "executive functioning" and how can it be improved?
- 6. What are the ten core principles and strategies of Parenting for ADD? What do you mean when you say that a parent needs to develop more flexibility than their child?
- 7. Why can a child or teen with ADD exhibit brilliance one day followed by weeks of struggles?
- 8. Why do you think that combination treatment—including both medication and therapy—yields the best results?
- 9. Are there side-effects to ADD medications?
- 10. Why do you refer to "Complementary" rather than "Alternative" treatments?
- 11. Once an effective treatment is found, how long will it last?
- 12. Is ADD a gift?

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