# The Arizona Helping Boys Thrive<sup>®</sup> Summit



## A One-Day Event for Professionals and Community Leaders Who Are Raising, Educating, and Working with Boys and Young Men

## Did you know?

- Boys make up 80% of school discipline referrals.
- Boys are four and a half more times more likely to be expelled from preschool.
- 80% of children in school on Ritalin are boys.
- 80% of children in school 10-19 who commit suicide are boys.
- Boys receive two-thirds of the D's and F's on school report cards.

Statistics above taken from THE MIND OF BOYS, By Michael Gurian



## **Keynote Speaker**

**Michael Gurian** is the New York Times bestselling author of twenty eight books published in twenty-two languages.

The Gurian Institute, which he co-founded, conducts research internationally, launches pilot programs and trains professionals. Co-founder of the national Helping Boys Thrive Initiative, Michael travels to dozens of communities every year to help catalyze social change on behalf of children.

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## Questions the Summit Can Answer...

- Why are boys falling behind in so many aspects of life, including school?
- What is normal development of a boy from infancy to college age?
- What are the best ways for counselors and therapists to work with males?
- What do boys need from their faith communities?
- How can we best protect the emotional lives of boys and young men?
- What do boys need from mentors?
- What rites of passage are needed for boys?
- How do we best deal with bullying and most effectively end male violence?

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4 KROC Center 1375 E Broadway Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85040

8:00am - 4:30pm

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#### Dakota Hoyt

## Practical Strategies for Teaching and Educating Boys



This session will give you common sense strategies for engaging boys that can be implemented immediately. Most strategies can be adapted to work with boys from early childhood through adolescence at home, school, and in other youth related environments. — Dakota Hoyt has been in education for 30 years as a teacher, math/science specialist, assistant principal, director of professional development, and as an educational consultant. Dakota has been associated with the Gurian Institute since 2004 as a Master Trainer and became Executive Director in 2012.

#### Tim Wright

## Raising Boys into Men: Rites of Passage



Since the beginning of time cultures have understood that boys must be strategically trained to be men. Called a rite of passage, the process varies from culture to culture but the purpose is the same: to take a boy through challenges, mentoring, adventures, and an ultimate test to begin to forge him into a good man. More often than not, without a rite of passage boys grow up to become either passive men or violent men. This workshop will look at how we can reclaim rites of passage for our boys in order to reclaim them for heroic manhood. —*Tim Wright has been a pastor since 1984. In 2005 he started Community of Grace, in Peoria, AZ. Along with Michael Gurian he co-created a rite of passage program. He's authored five books.* 

#### Adie Goldberg



### Working with Boys and Men in Therapeutic Settings

Based on the Gurian nature-based intervention model, this workshop will focus on core therapeutic issues that counselors, school psychologists, social workers and other professionals encounter with males. Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their current practice model, identify obstacles they have experienced with males, and apply new, effective strategies for their work with boys and men. Adie integrates theory and practice with self-deprecating humor as she recalls her own 20 plus years of "learning as I went" with males. Participants will leave the workshop ready to institute new strategies, communication techniques, and therapeutic options the next day. —*Adie Goldberg, LCSW, M.Ed, has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for more than 25 years.* 

#### Katey McPherson



## Boys and Bullying: How To Raise Socially Competent Boys

One of the many challenges that our students face on a daily basis is the challenge of peer pressure, conflict, and resolving these issues in dignified ways at school and beyond the classroom and school walls including social media and the internet. In this workshop, participants will explore a practical approach to creating a school culture where dignity is embraced, where social competence is welcomed and upheld, by both students and trusted adults. Specific strategies and interventions to use when relational aggression occurs will be presented. —*Katey McPherson is an assistant Principal in the Gilbert School District and one of the Authors of the Book, Why Teens Fail: What to Fix* 

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