



Phoenix, AZ

Helping Boys Thrive Summit

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8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

In-Person & Virtual

Desert Willow Conference Center

4340 E Cotton Center Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85040

To Register: <https://2021mancavefhs.eventbrite.com/>



In most of the world, girls and women are doing better than boys and men in both physical and mental health indicators... In most parts of the world, health outcomes among boys and men continue to be substantially worse than among girls and women.

Yet this gender-based disparity in health has received little national, regional, or global acknowledgement or attention from health policy-makers or healthcare providers.

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The **Helping Boys Thrive Summit™** is committed to working with parents, educators, church leaders, community leaders, and all called to the noble task of raising boys.

Using brain-science research and best practices, the Summit offers practical insights and applications for helping boys thrive in the 21st century.

Did you know...

- ⇒ **70% of all D's and F's go to boys**, but only 40% of the A's.
- ⇒ **Boys have fallen behind girls** from preschool through graduate school.
- ⇒ **Boys are four times more likely to be suspended or expelled** from early childhood and K-12 environments than girls.
- ⇒ **85% of all stimulant medications** (like Ritalin) are prescribed to U.S. boys.
- ⇒ Over the last 20+ years, the **reading skills of the average 17-year old boy** have declined.
- ⇒ For every 100 girls ages 5-14 who commit suicide, **255 boys will commit suicide**.
- ⇒ Boys are twice as likely as girls to be diagnosed with a **behavioral or learning disorder**.



Summit Leaders



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Dr. Michael Gurian

is a marriage and family counselor and the New York Times bestselling author of 32 books. He is co-founder of The Gurian Institute and a pioneer in the fields of family development and education. His work brings brain-science into homes, schools, churches, corporations, and public policy. His latest books on boys' development are *Saving Our Sons* and *The Stone Boys*.



Eva Dwight

After teaching junior and senior high English for 12 years, Eva Dwight earned her Master's Degree in Educational Counseling in 1997 and worked as a school counselor in Mesa, AZ for 20 years. She is a Master Trainer and Program Director for the Gurian Institute, as well as a Certified Positive Discipline Trainer and parenting coach. Eva has been married for 35 years and is the proud parent of two sons, ages 24 and 26.



Dr. Fletcher, preferably Fletch, has been teaching and learning in California public schools since 1999. Fletch earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership in 2013, focused on black and brown boys and their college and career readiness after participating in single gender classes, schools and organizations. She is a certified Gurian trainer and school administrator.

Keynote Topics

“Helping Boys Thrive in a Post-Covid World, Parts I and II”- Dr. Michael Gurian's two-part keynote is a deep dive into how boys think, react and view life, with practical insights for use in any environment where boys and adults interact. As he shows brain scans, Michael will reveal boys and girls' minds and hearts in new ways, and discuss what works best with boys and why. Michael will also provide key ways to nurture and protect boys' social-emotional development and educational success in the post-Covid world - a world in which many boys have fallen behind and need our help to find their way. -**Dr. Michael Gurian**

“Activating the Minds of Boys Through Connection”- Just as a tree needs a strong root system to give it the strength to withstand strong winds, children need safe, secure, dependable relationships that give them a foundation for thriving in a challenging world. In this interactive session, Eva Dwight will help participants explore how the process of meeting boys' physical and emotional needs impacts their development of important cognitive and social-emotional skills. Participants will examine key components of attachment and strategies for implementation in the home, the classroom, and other child-centered environments. -**Eva Dwight**

“Fostering Excellence and Cultivating Genius: The Equitable Thing to Do”- Dr. Fletcher's keynote will serve as a catalyst for educators (including parents, our children's first teachers) to reflect on practical ways by which they can cultivate equitable learning environments for students and children. Fletch will share first-hand accounts of educational excellence, ask essential questions, and create allies in dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline for boys of color.

-**Dr. Fletcher**