

M.A.N. C.A.V.E. PROGRAM

Men All Need to be Caring, Actively-Engaged, Vested, and Encouraged!!



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Frederick Douglass said that "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." And it's true. You cannot give a child back their childhood. You can't undo the trauma they have experienced. You can only make efforts to alleviate the harm. It is far more effective, cost-effective, and fruitful to do everything in our power to give ALL children the kind of start and the kind of future they deserve.

M.A.N. C.A.V.E. was created to improve the well-being of children by increasing the number of children growing up with engaged, committed, and responsible fathers or male role models. We promote the importance of nurturing fathers and mothers, parenting, and healthy marriages, and in doing so, improve the lives of children and families.

One of the ways we accomplish the vision and mission of M.A.N. C.A.V.E. is through the annual Helping Boys Thrive / Fatherhood Summit. The City of Phoenix Birth to Five Program, the Greater Phoenix Urban League, and My Brothers Keeper have partnered with the Gurian Institute to bring professional development opportunities and programming to families and professionals that serve children, especially boys. If I gave you a gift, wrapped and with a bow, would you take it? If that gift contained a key to unlock a door to discover the wonders of boys, would you open it? If you could learn how to strengthen your nurturing skills as a mother or a father, would you use them? If this gift could give you insights on becoming a better teacher, social worker, parent, caregiver, or counselor, would you welcome it?

While the need for the Summit grows as we continue to see disturbing trends in the social development of boys today, the Summit itself is also a celebration of the vitality and uniqueness of boys and young men. This is a unique event to focus on boys' development and enjoy boy energy and the resilience and vision of our boys and young men.

As those young men become fathers and role models, this partnership believes it's essential to support the father's role and celebrate fathers who are engaging and impacting the lives of their children and families.

Consider this message a gift. Or perhaps a present. Whatever you want to call it, we've made it very easy to unwrap through the Helping Boys Thrive / Fatherhood Summit on December 2 & 3.

Helping Boys Thrive



*Our boys need us now in ways they have not before. They are being raised in a very complex world and many of their support systems and developmental frameworks have crumbled. As we bring our passionate attention to boys today, and come together to nurture, support, and educate them well, we give a gift not only to them, but to our families, communities, and culture. **I hope you will agree that it is time for a coordinated grassroots effort to help our sons.** Let's do this together with summits and outreach that positively alter the cultural landscape for our sons.* – Michael Gurian, New York Times Bestselling Author of *The Wonder of Boys* and featured speaker at Helping Boys Thrive Summit™ Seattle 2014



Fatherhood Summit

The City of Phoenix Birth to Five Program, the Gurian Institute, Greater Phoenix Urban League and My Brother's Keeper is pleased to present the Helping Boys Thrive / Fatherhood Summit. This summit is a two-day event for parents, teachers, social workers, counselors, and others who work with and care about boys. The summit is a positive, life-affirming, science-based, and practically focused professional development and networking event. This is a one-of-a-kind event in our community, one that brings together a national pioneer in the field of boys' development with local pioneers in helping boys, young men, and families.

Summit Details

Parents and professionals today can sense the hunger in boys for innovative parenting and effective education. **In nearly every academic and behavioral marker, boys and young men are struggling.** While some males get to the top of corporations and government quite well, millions of males are not thriving. In your own community, you may have felt a need to study and positively affect the developmental journey of our boys. In every community, we are seeing more and more boys who need our help, and want us to engage with them in successful ways.

Questions the Summit Can Answer

If these kinds of questions are being asked in your community, this summit might be just the right vehicle for growth and social change:

- What do boys need and how are boys needed in their world?
- 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 do boys specifically need from moms and dads as they develop?
- What are the best ways for counselors and therapists to work with males?
- How can we best protect the emotional lives of boys and young men?
- What rites of passage are needed for boys?

Day two of the Summit will focus on Fathers. This professional development opportunity is for those who have a vested interest in raising boys into men and the impact father's have in their lives. M.A.N. C.A.V.E. (Men All Need to be Caring, Actively-Engaged, Vested and Encouraged) is a program for fathers to develop the skills necessary to support their children and family. This summit is the result of a collaboration with the Gurian Institute and community partners who intentionally work to support fathers and men in their unique role in a child's life. During the Fatherhood Summit, you will have the opportunity to learn from a variety of professionals who support the importance of positive male engagement influences. You are encouraged to ask questions, dialogue with others, and build new relationships. We hope the Fatherhood Summit will provoke some personal and professional reflection to help build a community where men are caring, actively-engaged, vested, and encouraged in Arizona.

M.A.N. C.A.V.E. 2021: Helping Boys Thrive & Fatherhood Summit

Free In-Person & Virtual

▪ Guest Speakers ▪ Resources ▪ Raffles ▪ Professional Development ▪

Thursday- December 2, 2021 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Friday- December 3, 2021 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE: Parents :: Teachers :: Counselors :: Therapists :: Medical Professionals :: Grandparents :: Law Enforcement :: Corrections Workers :: Youth Service Providers :: Early Childhood Providers :: Mentors :: Faith Professionals

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