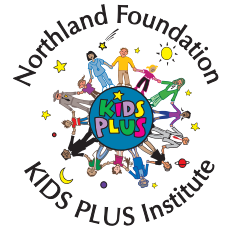




2010 NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA EARLY CHILDHOOD SUMMIT



Early Childhood Matters!

Helping Young Children Achieve Their Full Potential

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD SUMMIT joins teams of school superintendents, K-12 administrators and teachers, school board members, early childhood specialists, child care providers, business and policy leaders, and health care representatives from across the region to expand their knowledge, share ideas and experiences, and connect around vital early childhood care and education issues. The Summit presents leading-edge perspectives on young children's social, emotional, and cognitive development and explores ways that parents, early care and education providers, schools, and communities can help ensure that all children are prepared to succeed in school and in life.

PROGRAM

Registration and Light Breakfast begin at 9:30 a.m

WELCOME

Tom Renier President, Northland Foundation

THE MINDS OF BOYS AND GIRLS: HELPING OUR STUDENTS DO THEIR BEST IN SCHOOL AND LIFE

Michael Gurian

Bestselling Author and Founder of the Gurian Institute

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Multi-sector Panelists

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION & MOVING TO ACTION

Summit Participants

EVENT DETAILS

TEAM REGISTRATION

This is an invitation-only event. There is no registration fee for teams from northeastern Minnesota.

To register, please contact your team coordinator, listed in the enclosed materials.

Registration is due by Friday, April 2, 2010.

Teams from outside the region are welcome to attend as space allows, with a registration fee. Contact the Northland Foundation for information.

LOCATION

Duluth Entertainment Convention Center
Lake Superior Ballroom
350 Harbor Drive, Duluth, Minnesota
Visit www.decc.org for directions.

PARKING

There is a \$4.00 per-vehicle parking fee at the DECC.

SPEAKERS



THE MINDS OF BOYS AND GIRLS: HELPING OUR STUDENTS DO THEIR BEST IN SCHOOL AND LIFE

Michael Gurian,
Author and Gurian Institute Co-founder

Michael Gurian is a family therapist, lecturer, corporate consultant, and bestselling author of 25 books. He has pioneered efforts to bring neurobiology and brain science into homes, schools, corporations, and public policy. A number of his books in child development, including "The Minds of Boys", "Nurture the Nature", and "Boys and Girls Learn Differently" have sparked national debate. His work has been featured in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Time, Newsweek, People, and on the Today Show, Good Morning America, CNN, PBS and NPR.



READY 4 K POLICY UPDATE

Todd Otis
President, Ready 4 K

Todd Otis is the President of Ready 4 K. After graduating cum laude from Harvard College in 1967, he joined the Peace Corps and served in Senegal for two years. In 1970, he received a masters degree in journalism from Columbia University. He served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1979 to 1990 and chaired the House Economic Development Committee from 1987 to 1990. He was the DFL Party chair from 1990 to 1993 and then engaged in public affairs consulting from 1995 to 2001, focusing on early childhood and environmental issues.



STARTING SMALL

Matt Grose
Superintendent, Deer River Schools

Matt Grose earned Bachelor degrees in Mathematics and Mathematics Education from Northwestern College and a Masters Degree in Education from Saint Mary's University. Grose was hired as Principal of Deer River High School in 2004 and became Superintendent in 2006-2007. He completed both his Minnesota K-12 Principal's License and Superintendent License at the University of Minnesota and is currently working toward his Doctorate in Educational Policy and Administration.

EARLY CHILDHOOD'S ROLE IN THE EDUCATIONAL CONTINUUM

Multi-sector panel representing K-12 and higher education, early childhood education, public health, early childhood special education, and school administration

A diverse group of panelists will converse about the role early childhood plays within the birth to higher education continuum. Discussion will focus on the importance of communication, collaboration, and innovation among many different sectors to fully support children's healthy development for success in school and life.

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