

# ~ Community Based Rites of Passage ~

## Serving Youth Development

### Building Awareness and Alliances in our Local Community

An evening for parents, teachers, youth workers, therapists, and youth interested in the role community can play in creating positive initiatory experiences for young people journeying through adolescence

**Friday Evening, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 - 9:00 pm**

with

**Dr. David Blumenkrantz**

Presenting a Model of Community Based Rites of Passage Processes  
and

**Local Rites of Passage Leaders**

Introducing Diverse Programs and Innovators in our Community

\$15.00 Requested Donation

Location: The Watershed School ~ 205 Canyon Boulevard ~ Boulder

**Local Rites of Passage Leaders** will introduce themselves, offering a picture into our collective and diverse work with youth.

**Dr. B. will discuss ~**

- ~ What the developmental tasks and needs are in Adolescence
- ~ How Rites of Passage can address some of these developmental needs
- ~ How ROPE (<http://www.roke.org>) is one living example of how communities can address these needs in collaborative and innovative ways

**Dr. David Blumenkrantz** is the founder and executive director of The Center for the Advancement of Youth, Family & Community Services, and the developer of the Rite of Passage Experience®. He has over 35 years of experience in the fields of youth development and community services. He is the author of *Fulfilling the Promise of Children's Services* (Jossey-Bass, 1992), along with numerous articles about youth and family issues for professional journals, newspapers and magazines. He has served on the legislatively mandated State of Connecticut Drug & Alcohol Policy Council, and on Connecticut legislative and agency-based committees on teen pregnancy, substance abuse and delinquency prevention. He has also been a Visiting Fellow at the Bush Center for Social Policy and Child Development at Yale University. He is presently an advisor to the Search Institute's Center for Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence. He holds a BA in psychology from the State University of New York at Buffalo, a M.Ed. in educational psychology from Boston College, and a PhD in Community Psychology & Social Policy from the Union Institute. In addition, he has studied with indigenous peoples throughout North America, researching ancient rite of passage ceremonies and rituals and approaches to building and healing communities.