



Boys at Risk III

Helping Boys Thrive

November 3, 2021, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, Santa Fe Community Convention Center & Online

This one-day event is for parents, teachers, social workers, counselors, and others who work with and care about boys. It features three presenters who have devoted their careers to understanding how to save our sons from the school and social failure that too many boys now experience.

From infancy to adolescence, many boys need more understanding if we are to nurture their nature to play a part more equally in society, and to be socially responsible as partners and contributors. For a new look at this situation, from a biological-psychological-social perspective, come hear three dynamic speakers who will provide a fresh and needed *different* frame of reference.

Did you know that in New Mexico, boys...

- trail girls on **almost every measure** of educational and social success.
- contribute disproportionately to the state's **racial and ethnic educational gap**, making up only 40% of the state's Bachelor's Degrees and 35% of Associate's Degrees.
- are more likely to be **"disenrolled" from preschool programs**.
- are less likely than girls to **complete high school**.
- lag far behind in **basic reading skills** while girls score equally on math.
- receive most of the **disciplinary measures** in our schools and juvenile justice systems.

PRESENTERS

Michael Gurian, New York Times best-selling author, will present two keynote addresses:

- *Protecting the Emotional Lives of Boys*
- *Understanding the Relationships of Trauma, Poverty, and Learning*

Michael Gurian is the author of 32 books including *Saving Our Sons: A New Path for Raising Healthy and Resilient Boys*. One of the world's foremost gender experts, he presents with an engaging and dynamic style, using case studies, visual aids such as neurological scans, and interactive demonstrations to help the audience better understand and assess the needs of boys in order to intervene more effectively with them from birth through adolescence. For more see www.michaelgurian.com



Marion Hill, having devoted himself to engaging fathers in preschool programs, addresses:

- *Inspiring Communities to Invigorate Healthy Fathering*



Marion Hill has worked in the early childhood education field for 19 years. A youth football coach, mentor, and advocate for minority boys, he is co-founder of a fatherhood program designed to encourage fathers/male role models to be actively engaged in their child's growth and development. Through the Greater Phoenix Urban League, he brings the Gurian model of brain-based understanding about the differences between the way boys and girls learn in the preschool context to Head Start.

Tim Wright, concerned with the spiritual development of boys and their rites of passage, presents:

- *Forging the Spirit of Boys Through Healthy Rites of Passage*



Tim Wright is the co-host, along with Michael Gurian, of the weekly international podcast *The Wonder of Parenting: A Brain Science Approach to Parenting* (www.gurianinstitute.com). He has written several books including his two newest ebooks: *Raising Sons in a #MeToo World* and *Raising Daughters in a #MeToo World*. He has co-created with Michael Gurian several rites of passage programs for secular and faith-based families. Tim has been a Lutheran Pastor in Phoenix since 1984.

Program

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