

Developing Healthy Boys Training

Raising Emotionally and Socially Connected Boys

November 29 & 30, 2017

LaQuinta Inn, Springfield, MA

8:30am - 4:00pm

This professional development event is ideal for educators and staff in:

- Early childhood (age 0-5)
- School-age education (age 6-10)
- Child care and family services
- Home visitation
- Higher education programs credentialing early childhood educators
- Children's librarians



Curriculum focus: Understanding and analyzing the roots of male gender socialization, exposing gender stereotypes, and teaching strategies which foster the development of emotionally and socially connected boys. This transformational training is experiential and dialogue based, including individual, small group and large group formats.

A program of the MERGE for Equality Early Childhood Initiative, in partnership with:



- Holyoke Chicopee Springfield Head Start
- Preschool Enrichment Team of Valley Opportunity Council
- Square One

At MERGE, we envision a future where the emotional and social development of boys - starting from an early age - is skillfully and compassionately supported by caregivers and educators. As a result, boys thrive personally, socially and academically, and continue on this path to become men who are compassionate and accountable partners in safe and equitable families, work places and communities.

This two-day training will cover:

- Male socialization: impacts on children, classrooms, families & communities
- Trauma and violence, and their expression in dominant forms of masculinity
- Gender norms and stereotypes, including how race and homophobia inform the process of male socialization
- Strategies for promoting healthy gender socialization in children, classrooms and families, including use of the *Whole Book Approach* to children's literacy

Participants will receive:

- Continental breakfast and lunch each day
- Healthy Boys Training manual
- Free books from the MERGE for Equality Children's Book Campaign
- A certificate for 10 Training Hours

Trainers:

Senior MERGE for Equality trainers joined by Megan Dowd Lambert: author, children's literature expert and Simmons College faculty member



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