

Strategic Partner, MIND EDGE



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Kathy Stevens is a professional trainer/international presenter and co-author of the *The Minds of Boys: Saving Our Sons From Falling Behind in School and Life* (with Michael Gurian, Jossey-Bass, 2005), *Strategies for Teaching Boys and Girls: Elementary Level*, *Strategies for Teaching Boys and Girls: Secondary Level* (with Michael Gurian and Kelley King, Jossey-Bass, March 2008), *Successful Single-Sex Classrooms* (with Michael Gurian and Peggy Daniels) and the recently released 10th anniversary edition of *Boys and Girls Learn Differently* (with Michael Gurian) Her work has been featured in national publications including *Newsweek*, *Reader's Digest*, *Educational Leadership*, *Education Week* and *Library Journal* and she is regularly interviewed by national and international media.

As Executive Director of the Gurian Institute, Kathy works with educators of children birth through young adulthood, parents and other youth serving professionals, helping them understand nature-based theory and adapt curriculum to help both boys and girls maximize their potential in the classroom and in life. In addition to presenting across the United States, the Gurian Institute's work has carried Kathy and her team to international venues, including Canada, Iceland, Qatar, Australia, South Africa, the Bahamas, Singapore, and Bangkok. Kathy also facilitates training for adults, helping men and women appreciate the nature of their differences and learn how to better understand each other as they work and live together.

Kathy has over 35 years of experience that includes designing, teaching and administering programs in early childhood care and education, teaching music Pre-K through 8, training volunteers in domestic violence intervention, juvenile corrections, adult community corrections, teen pregnancy prevention programs in 8th-12th grade, cultural competency and women's issues. Much of her early work was done in economically disadvantaged minority communities.

In addition to her work with the Gurian Institute, Kathy has designed and delivered training for the Colorado Division of Youth Services, Girls Inc. of Colorado, Federal Bureau of Prisons, US Department of Justice, Girl Scouts, US Navy Ombudsman Program, 4th Judicial District's Disproportionate Minority Confinement Task Force and a variety of nonprofit organizations. As a diversity trainer, she was honored to participate in the Children's Defense Fund's Institute for Cultural Competency at the former Alex Haley Farm in Tennessee.

Kathy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Education from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs and has taken post-graduate work in education at the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs.

Kathy lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado with her husband, Don and has two sons and eight grandchildren (3 boys and 5 girls!).

