

Man-Making

Men Helping Boys on their Journey to Manhood



The Author / Presenter - Earl Hipp



Earl Hipp is a professional speaker, trainer, and author who knows a lot about man-making. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's degree in applied psychophysiology, and a background as a clinical psychotherapist. Since 1982, he has consistently been involved with groups and organizations that focus on men's issues and development. He is a member of Mankind Project, and he has staffed a number of Boys-to-Men initiation weekends. As a direct result of his interest in men's and boys' issues, he is connected with young males who are or have been incarcerated, maintains a number of ongoing mentoring relationships, and personally sponsors boys-and-men events.

Since 1985, Earl has written seven books about and for adolescents, which together have sold more than a half-million copies. His books for adolescents are on themes such as coping with the stresses in their lives, moving through grief and loss, and understanding the violence in our communities.

As a professional speaker, Earl has spent the last 18 years delivering educational and motivational presentations. His programs are on the subjects of his books and business topics to a wide variety of audiences, including corporations, associations, teachers, parents, and youth-serving professionals.

Earl describes himself as a man who was under-fathered and under-male-mentored in adolescence. He was a man who was "left with the women and children to figure out manhood on his own." His driving passion is to do what he can to ensure fewer boys and men will be left to wander alone in the dangerous never-never land between boyhood and manhood. He intends to inspire men to turn their natural skills as man-makers into action. His driving vision is that someday all adolescent males will be surrounded by good men who will intentionally launch and support them on their journey into manhood.

Earl Hipp lives with his life partner Gwen Barker. They spend summers in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and winters in Tucson, Arizona.