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# RESILIENCY:

## *Don't Let Your Children Sit Down in Their Valleys*

By Kathy Koch, PhD, Celebrate Kids, Inc.



**Resilient children recover quickly from adversity**, disappointment, defeat, failure, and trauma. Resiliency begins as a choice, becomes a learned ability, and then can become a part of who they are. If we don't want our children to be victims of their circumstances, we must raise them to be resilient.

We need to do everything we can to help our children stand up, step out, and rise up so they are not forever defined by the negative experiences of the virus, pandemic, quarantine, and recent unrest. If we allow them to be defined by their losses, they may not be victorious in life.

Children need to understand that challenges are a part of life. We can help them rebound from them and quickly try again. They can learn to not give up or give in. This makes them resilient and changes everything.

**I think I can. I think I can.**

Nearly every page of Watty Piper's popular children's book, *The Little Engine That Could*, is rich with truths about resiliency for today's children to understand, believe, and apply. As you probably remember, toys wanted to get over a mountain to children's houses for Christmas, but the train they were in stopped with a jerk.

The toys, including toy animals, dolls, and "every kind of thing boys or girls could want," didn't give up when they needed help. They didn't stay in the train's cars whining and complaining. This demonstrates a key attribute of being resilient: they worked to get help.

The toys asked a shiny, new engine to help them. It said "No."

The toys asked a big, strong engine to help them. It said "No."

The toys, somewhat desperately, asked a dingy, rusty old engine to help. It said "No."

The next engine the toys saw was little and blue. Because the toys hadn't given up, they asked this engine to help them. Even though the engine acknowledged its size and that it had never been over the mountain, it had compassion on the toys and said "Yes." This is another key to being resilient: the engine didn't let inexperience define it.

As we read in the book, Then she said, "*I think I can. I think I can. I think I can.*" And she hitched herself to the little train. She tugged and pulled and pulled and tugged and slowly, slowly, slowly they started off. More resilience keys: she is optimistic and positive, expects to use effort, and doesn't give up when progress is slow.

The toys began to smile and cheer and the little, blue engine repeated again, *I think I can*. Did you notice the toys' optimism?

After making it to the top, the engine puffed steadily down the mountain saying *I thought I could. I thought I could.*

For children to be resilient, they need to recover quickly from defeat, be surrounded by optimism, be optimistic, and be willing to apply themselves with no guarantee of quick success. How would you like this to be a description of your children?

### Benefits of Being Resilient

As demonstrated in *The Little Engine That Could*, we know that resilient children willingly use effort and they understand progress may be slow. They believe mistakes aren't the same as failing and that failure isn't fatal or final. If their own efforts aren't enough, they can bravely ask for help when they need it rather than giving up when something is hard or they have no experience. They're optimistic and positive so they can recover quickly from challenges, discouragement, and the like. They do not allow themselves to be defined by what's hard.

Because they're not defined by their challenges and valley experiences, they're able to keep functioning—both physically and psychologically. They'll certainly experience anger, grief, and pain, but they won't dwell on these feelings or their causes. In contrast, children who are not resilient feel victimized, become overwhelmed, or turn to unhealthy coping mechanisms.

Resilient children are also more self-motivated than others because they want to solve their problems. They'll complain less, try more, and be less anxious. They will be the problem solvers and change agents of their generation. (Think of the toys' persistence.) For these reasons and others, resilience offers protection against anxiety and depression.

### Raising Resilient Children

You can become more aware of how resilient you are. Not only will resilience benefit you, but your children are watching how you respond when you're in a valley. Talk with them about your attitudes, behaviors, thoughts, and feelings as they relate to failing. Talk about theirs.

For resiliency to become a strength, we cannot overprotect our children. We must understand they will make mistakes. This freedom will allow them to risk and try again after negative experiences. They'll ultimately learn more when they turn setbacks into comebacks. Not only shouldn't we make everything easy and prevent all struggles, we shouldn't rescue them too quickly when we notice them struggling.

We need to be observant and cautious and very aware so we can prevent things from happening that may cause long-lasting damage. But mistakes on their daily work and less-than-stellar performances at piano recitals are perfect opportunities for children to learn from the consequences of their decisions to not study, proofread, practice more, and ask for help. Helping children learn how to "fail" well might be among the most important things we do.

### Conclusion

The more I study motivation and resiliency, the more convinced I become that resiliency might be the most important quality for motivated children to have. Every child will experience times of struggle, pain, and loss. Work may be hard, academics can be challenging, and chores may be boring. People—even parents—may treat them unfairly.

We don't teach math, science, reading, or even Bible. We teach children. Among the most important things to teach children is to be resilient. When they learn that and are that, growth in everything else is possible. Hope will win!



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## *What to Expect When You're Expecting...* **a Homeschooled High School Graduate**

By Laura Gadbery

***The years have quickly passed*** and you are now approaching the final year of high school for your homeschooled child. He may have already taken the SAT, researched a couple of colleges, looked into a branch of the military, or is looking for an internship in his field of interest. The questions start rolling in from well-meaning friends and relatives such as, "How will he graduate?" and "How many colleges have you visited?" and "Do homeschoolers even have a prom?" Suddenly you find yourself missing all of the questions about socialization because they were easier to deal with.

You may start to wonder if he learned all of the material he should have. Will a selected college even accept a homeschool transcript or will his diploma issued by mom and dad be questioned by some admissions counselor? Maybe you doubt your decision to let him skip the PSAT because now he'll never go to college like his cousin and you suddenly doubt your whole decision to homeschool high school in the first place. Fear not!

It's quite normal to have doubts and questions even up to the very end of that last high school year. It's worth noting that there is not one typical high school graduate in all of homeschooling, just as there is not one kind of public or private school child. We tend to sweat the small stuff when it comes to our homeschool journey, comparing our situation to what is being done in the rest of the academic world, including homeschooling in other states.

Arizona has one of the best homeschooling laws in the nation. In our state, the parent of a homeschooled child is solely responsible for setting the graduation requirements, creating and maintaining their child's transcript, and issuing the diploma. Here are some of the main things you can expect from the high school years—especially the final year—of homeschooling your child.

### **Expect to Set Graduation Requirements**

This will look different for each child depending on his or her future path. Options for your student might include working a job in a trade, continuing education at community college or university, or taking a gap year to figure out what's next.

*“Above all, help set your child’s path to align with their future plans as best as you can.”*

If your child is college-bound, you will have many other considerations along the way, such as testing each year beginning in 9th grade and starting an account with the College Board, researching the admission requirements for each school they show interest in, and filling out the online FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) that is required by colleges.

Above all, help set your child’s path to align with their future plans as best as you can. Understand that even though Arizona homeschoolers are not required to follow state standards, it’s no fun when a senior who wants to attend a particular college realizes that the science requirements for admission are more than they had accomplished at home. It’s also time to realize that there is no way anyone could possibly learn every single thing in 12 years of school, no matter how the education was obtained. So work on the basic requirements as well as the interests of the student and the rest will fall into place.

### Expect to Keep a Transcript

This process was actually fun for us, because we saw the culmination of all the hard work over the years. TranscriptPro from Inge Cannon was a lifesaver in keeping it all straight. There is a similar transcript product available through the HSLDA Store. You input the information for your school and each child into the forms, add classes and grades, and the system will then calculate the GPA for you. It will audit the form and let you know if you’re missing any credits (again, you set the requirements), then gives you information on how to develop just about anything your child learned or participated in into a class. Keep track of all of the volunteer work they have done as well. Class descriptions will vary for your homeschool, and some colleges look at weighted GPAs, which show difficulty of coursework, while others don’t. Be sure to do your homework there. Don’t wait until the college applications are due to make a transcript, unless you have made great notes throughout the high school years, work well under pressure, and have a long memory. As the homeschool movement grows, colleges have adapted and are

more homeschool friendly and will accept a well-organized homeschool transcript. Remember to sign it before sending it off!

### Expect to Issue a Diploma

Diplomas are issued by the parent and are not accredited. Thorough documentation of a student’s academic record on a transcript makes the diploma meaningful. We purchased two of our students’ diplomas through HSLDA. They print the student’s name, insert it into a leatherette case and we signed it before presenting it to our graduates; one in a small group ceremony and one at home in our living room among friends and family. Our last graduate participated in the formal cap and gown ceremony hosted by AFHE, where a printed diploma in a blue certificate holder was presented, which we signed afterward. AFHE does not sign diplomas nor does the organization verify that a student has completed their course work. The homeschooling parent accepts responsibility for certifying the student’s status as a graduate.



### Expect the Investment

Many of the above things cost money. You’ve already experienced the expense of a curriculum, outside activities, or a couple of community college classes. Be sure to budget for testing, college visits and applications, purchase of a transcript program, joining an honor society, as well as the cost of participating in a graduation ceremony or hosting a celebration at home. Announcements, pictures, and a few other graduation essentials might also be included in that amount. You can make it as simple or as elaborate as you are comfortable with; just know there can be extra costs, especially with a college bound student. And don’t forget, there is a homeschool prom, and that has a price tag as well!

### Expect Help from Our Community

The best way to find an answer to your homeschooling questions is through the AFHE website. The second best way? Join the AFHE Homeschool Arizona Facebook group and use the search bar that is to the left of the posts. Just type in “high school” and see the questions that have been asked and answered over time and you can probably find just about anything you were wondering about from those who have done it before you! Remember, don’t reinvent the wheel if you don’t have to, but be sure to double check any information that’s older than a year or two. While homeschooling in Arizona has remained the same, operations at colleges and federal organizations may have changed. We will always do our best to update our community as we run across those changes.

### Expect to Celebrate

Well done, mom and dad. You did it!



**LAURA GADBERY**, with the great support of her husband David, homeschooled their three daughters, Haley, Emma, and Peyton, through high school. After 20 years in the best job ever as a stay-at-home(school) mom, Laura is so fortunate to be able to continue encouraging parents from all walks of life in their parenting and homeschooling journeys.

# AFHE congratulates our 2020 Scholarship Recipients

Every year since 2001, the Arizona Homeschool Scholarship Committee has awarded academic scholarships to homeschool applicants who are graduating high school. The committee is grateful for the opportunity to get a glimpse into these students' lives and pursuits through their application documents and recommendation letters, and to direct scholarship fund donations to some very deserving young people.

Announcing these scholarship recipients at the AFHE Senior Graduation ceremony is always a source of community pride and a demonstration of the great potential of homeschooling through high school. Although the 2020 Senior Graduation was cancelled, the Scholarship Committee did award scholarships to several outstanding applicants. With our apology for the delay of this announcement, we are pleased to acknowledge and celebrate these students.



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*With gratitude and admiration for their many years of skilled and dedicated service, the AFHE Board of Directors announces Scott and Sherry McKown's retirement as of December 2020.*

From Scott and Sherry:

Serving the Arizona homeschooling community as part of the AFHE Board of Directors for the past eight years has brought us such joy. We have been blessed to build friendships that have become like family in the AFHE community. We truly value the work AFHE does and count it a great privilege to have served alongside amazing people who are passionate about this work. We have loved serving families while supporting the crucial mission of AFHE to inspire, promote and preserve homeschooling freedoms in Arizona. Our passion for seeing homeschooling families grow is unwavering as we will continue to be a part of the AFHE community through prayer and membership.

As our season for home education comes to a close, we now get to enjoy our four homeschooled graduates who are flourishing adults in their communities and careers.

In 2021, we will celebrate 30 years of marriage! In this new season, God has called us into serving as marriage mentors, guiding couples-in-crisis into thriving marriages. We are excited to bring a message of hope and healing to those that need it most.

We are grateful for this wonderful AFHE Board of Directors who stay on their knees in prayer for our community and seek to make Arizona one of the best states in which to homeschool. We are grateful to have been mentored by some wonderful models of homeschooling leadership in Arizona and throughout the country. We pray God's continued blessings over you all.



With great love,

*Scott and Sherry*

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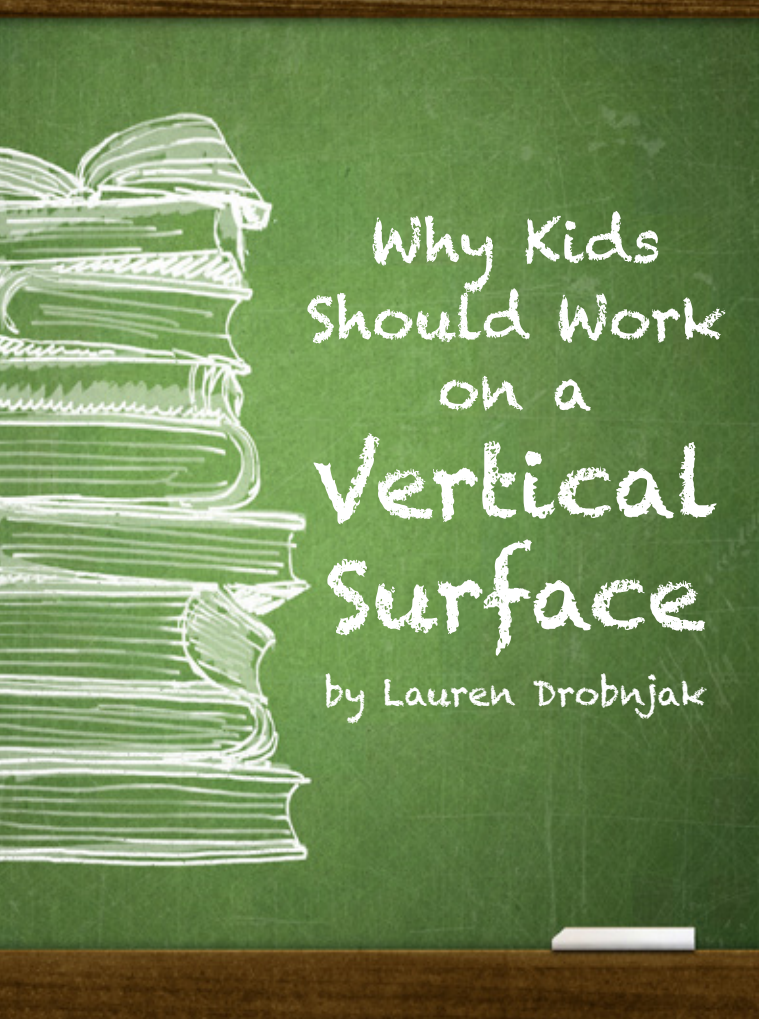
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# Why Kids Should Work on a Vertical Surface

by Lauren Drobnjak

*Back when I was in school,* I never thought about the developmental benefits of writing and working on the vertical surface of the chalkboard, but as a therapist, now I know that there are many! The occupational therapists I work with encourage children to work on vertical surfaces all the time and here's why...

## 1 Shoulder/Elbow Stability

The use of larger vertical surfaces such as chalkboards, marker boards, and Smart boards allows children to use bigger arm movements that encourage strength and flexibility throughout the joints and muscles of the upper extremities. Even the hand gets a hefty boost of strengthening as it works against gravity to keep making vertical, horizontal and diagonal lines.

## 2 Wrist Extension/Pencil Grasp

Vertical surface writing naturally puts the wrist in an extended position which encourages hand stabilization for better pencil grasp and control of writing utensils.

## 3 Visual Attention and Hand-Eye Coordination

Working on a vertical surface brings the task closer to the child's eyes. This helps kids who have difficulty maintaining visual attention to activities and can help to encourage hand-eye coordination, as the child has a better view of what they are doing!

## 4 Spatial Awareness

When a child works on a large vertical surface, it makes directional terms (up, down, left, right) much easier to understand because the child can relate the words to his very own body!

## You can contribute to our next issue of *Homeschool Arizona!*

Summer time is coming! Send us your best tips for beating the Arizona heat and we'll share them in the magazine!

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Your experience can help another family keep going in their desire to homeschool!

Send an email to [magazine@afhe.org](mailto:magazine@afhe.org) with the subject line **Work & Homeschool [your last name]** by June 1.

## 5 Midline Crossing

When a child is writing or drawing across a large vertical surface, he has to cross the midline of his body with his dominant hand to reach all of the spaces. This is great practice for children who are struggling with midline crossing and establishing a strong hand dominance.

## 6 Bilateral Coordination

Have you ever tried to use a stencil while working on a vertical surface? I once tried to stencil a pretty fleur de lis pattern on a wall — it was a disaster! This is a tough skill!

For kids, tracing an object, using a stencil, or even just stabilizing their paper to write on an upright surface requires the use of both hands (one to trace, one to hold) AND it requires proprioception and strength to hold the object that is being traced!

*Proprioception: The sense of the position of parts of the body, relative to other neighboring parts of the body.*

## 7 Sensory

Working at a vertical surface may be beneficial for fidgety kids who work better in a standing position than sitting at a desk. Let's face it, we all work better if we can change positions!

## 8 Core Strength and Posture

Working in a kneeling or standing position at an upright surface gives kids a good dose of core strengthening. There's no slumping or leaning on the back of the chair – the only choice is to engage those core and back muscles to maintain upright posture!

## Vertical Surface Activities

There are tons of fun ways to play and work using a vertical surface. Here are some of our favorites:

- Play with stickers! Have the child stick them all over the wall at different levels and then give him directions for which stickers to touch – he may have to jump or bend!
- Make your own DIY Removable Lego Wall! Building with Legos on a vertical surface? Not only super fun, but also great for all of the skills listed above!
- Tape a piece of paper to the wall and trace objects or stencils
- Paint with paintbrushes or paint rollers
- Decorate a window with window clings
- Play with magnets on the refrigerator
- Paint with shaving cream or finger paint on an easel
- Play with felt shapes and pictures on a felt board
- Stick Squigz to a wall and pull them off
- Draw and color with chalk on a chalkboard
- Writing with dry erase markers or window markers on a window or hanging mirror
- Writing/drawing activities on a Smart board
- Writing and drawing with bath foam or bath crayons in the tub
- Prop iPads and other tablets up using a slant board or the prop that comes on the case. Let kids use a stylus to encourage use of an efficient grasp.
- Wash windows using a squeegee
- Help wash the car
- Erase a chalkboard or wipe down a marker board
- Try any of the above in kneeling, standing, or while seated

## Make Your Own Window Cling Movement Game

by Claire Heffron from  
theinspiredtreehouse.com

Making these DIY window clings is a great fine motor activity for kids and playing with them can promote coordination, body awareness, and more!

We created a bunch of different shapes and colors and my kids were fascinated by how well they stuck to our windows and mirrors at home and at our office. The best part? You'll only need two simple supplies!

### What you'll need:

- puffy fabric paint
- wax paper or parchment paper

### What to do:

Use the puffy paint to draw different solid shapes or designs onto the wax paper or parchment paper. You'll want to use enough paint to make a pretty solid shape, but try not to make a big puddle because it will take forever to dry!

Allow your sheet of puffy paint shapes to dry for a day.

Carefully peel the shapes off of the wax paper and use them to decorate windows, mirrors and other vertical surfaces!

Playing the movement game below is a great way to combine fine motor and gross motor skill building in one fun activity!

**Storage tip:** Stick your window clings to the inside of a freezer storage bag when you're not using them!

### Play a movement game:

Have kids decorate a window or mirror with lots of your window clings. Then, call out various movement-based directions (e.g. touch a blue square with your elbow, touch a yellow star with your nose).

Make it even more challenging by combining two different directions (e.g. touch your right elbow to a square and your left thumb to a circle).



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July 16-17, 2021 at Grand Canyon University

*After a year when many parents* found themselves closely examining the education options available for their children, it is especially exciting to present the 37th annual AFHE Homeschool Convention in 2021! The AFHE Convention is the largest gathering of homeschoolers in our state and is always an unparalleled source of information, inspiration, and fellowship among the homeschool community. While we've had to make some changes (who hasn't??), this year's convention is sure to engage, motivate, and refresh you in your homeschool journey.



## Don't Miss Out!

Welcoming those who are brand-new to homeschooling and those who have been pursuing this educational lifestyle for years, the AFHE Convention is an event for home educators from all over our great state and beyond!

## Listen to Encouraging Speakers

Choose from over 80 workshops presented by speakers from around the country—here to encourage and equip YOU! On pages 17-19 of this issue look for the (★) to find speakers who are NEW to the AFHE Convention.

## Gain Insights & Strategies for Success

From determining your homeschooling vision to acquiring valuable instructional methods, the AFHE Convention offers innumerable ways for you to grow and develop as a home educator.



## Find Curriculum & Resources

See curriculum and educational materials in our exhibit hall from a wide variety of publishers, authors, subject specialists, and youth organizations. You'll be amazed by the many options available to customize your family's homeschool.



## Find Strength in Community

Every year, attendees tell us their favorite thing at the AFHE Convention is being together with other families who are choosing homeschooling! There's nothing like the camaraderie and encouragement of a weekend spent with others who are on this journey.

## Refresh & Reboot

Every homeschooling year is different from the last. Your needs as a homeschool parent change, too. Come for fresh motivation and new ideas for the coming year.

## Look forward to the year ahead!

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*(AFHE Membership required)*

## Volunteer

Volunteer power is essential to the AFHE Convention! Men and women, young adults and parents and grandparents—we are grateful for the many people who serve as greeters, workshop hosts, registration assistants, and much more. AFHE Members may volunteer 5+ hours for free adult admission. Apply online.

## Military Discount

Are you serving in the military on active duty or in the reserves? AFHE wants to honor your service by providing a 50% discount on adult registration. Request your coupon code starting in April at [afhe.org/military](http://afhe.org/military)

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## REGISTER EARLY

## & Save

AFHE Members may pre-register for the 2021 AFHE Convention at the lowest admission prices available. Pre-registration will be open

**April 16-June 25**

You can join AFHE at any time—become a member today and save on convention admission!

[afhe.org/membership](http://afhe.org/membership)

## Convention Registration

### Adult Admission

Individual adult or married couple

Pre-Registration  
**APRIL**  
16-30

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**\$118**

*\*Pre-registration adult admission prices do not include AFHE Membership fee; join or renew for \$35 at [afhe.org/membership](http://afhe.org/membership) to take advantage of these great discounts. Current member for Convention Registration is a membership with an expiration date of August 1, 2021 or later.*

# What to Expect at an AFHE Convention



## Plan for Workshops

Our keynote sessions, featured speaker workshops, and exhibitor workshops are all excellent sources of information and ideas. Download the workshop schedule and descriptions to get a look at the 80+ featured workshops and 20+ exhibitor workshops!

## Exhibitor Sneakpeek

It's the homeschool shopping experience of the year! With the many curriculum publishers and homeschool retailers in the AFHE exhibit hall, you'll be able to see and compare a wide variety of resources and materials. Check out the growing list of 2021 exhibitors on the AFHE website!

## Buy It Here!

When you make purchases on-site, you help encourage the businesses and vendors who travel the country to serve homeschool families face-to-face. Save your receipts to enter a Saturday evening drawing for cash prizes from AFHE and special gifts from vendors, sponsors, and speakers.

Registration details online at [afhe.org/convention](https://afhe.org/convention)

## Children & Teens



Children and teens are invited to attend with their parents who are registered for the Convention. Children under age 12 must remain with their parent or an adult.

### YOUTH ADMISSION

**Ages 3-18**  
(Under age 3 free of charge)

**\$10**

### TEEN PROGRAM

**Ages 12-18**  
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### HOMESCHOOL GRADUATE

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**President of  
Characterhealth Corporation**  
characterhealth.com

*Dr. Kathy Koch*

**Founder of Celebrate Kids**  
celebratekids.com



*with special guest speaker*

*Zan Tyler*

**Author, speaker, homeschool  
freedom advocate**  
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*Learn more about our amazing 2021 speakers*

**afhe.org/convention-speakers**

# Featured Speakers



★ *Michael Abbott*



*Kathy Becker*



*Kathleen Cotter Clayton*



*Steve Demme*



*Laura Gadbery*



*Allison Gentala*



*Heather Haupt*



*Kim Kautzer*



*Colene Lewis*

# HOMESCHOOLING Changes Lives

*To find these speakers' bios, their workshop details,  
and additional speakers, please visit our website!*

***[afhe.org/convention-speakers](https://afhe.org/convention-speakers)***



**Sherry McKown**



**Patrick Nurre**



**Peggy Ployhar**



★ **Megan Scheibner**



★ **Tj Schmidt**



★ **Sherri Seligson**



★ **John Sowash**



**Joe Tyler**



**Jim Weiss**

# YOU CAN HOMESCHOOL

AFHE can help! Come find out how to get started!

**FREE MINI-CONFERENCE  
FOR THOSE NEW TO  
HOMESCHOOLING**

**THURSDAY  
JULY 15  
2:00-5:00pm  
[AFHE.ORG/THURSDAY](https://afhe.org/thursday)**



## GETTING STARTED HOMESCHOOLING WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Are you planning or preparing to homeschool a child who has unique learning needs or challenges?

New in 2021, AFHE presents a Getting Started seminar dedicated to equipping and inspiring parents whose homeschool journey will include these considerations.

Please join us for this FREE pre-convention event on Thursday, July 15, 2:00-5:00 PM.

[AFHE.ORG/THURSDAY](https://afhe.org/thursday)

Be sure to stop by their booths at our convention and thank our sponsors for supporting home education in Arizona!



## Mentoring Moms

Are you ...

*New to homeschooling?*

*In a muddle about curriculum?*

*Apprehensive about the next phase of homeschooling?*

*Weary or worried over your homeschool?*

*Curious about educational approaches?*

Stop by the Mentoring Moms booth at the AFHE Convention and bring your homeschooling questions! You'll find experienced, knowledgeable homeschool moms ready to answer your questions, provide insight for navigating the exhibit hall, and offer suggestions and encouragement.

Located in the GCU Arena exhibit area, the Mentoring Moms booth will be open Friday 10:00 AM-6:30 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM-5:30 PM

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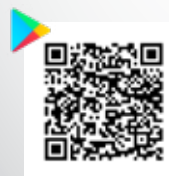
## The Homeschool Arizona App is Live!

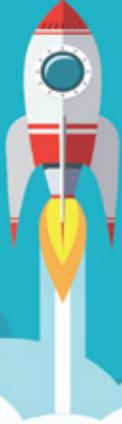
We're thrilled to announce that our mobile app is now live for all Apple and Android devices! Whether you're looking for new curriculum options, your nearest support group, or updates on our upcoming events, our mobile app is ready to serve all of your homeschooling needs right at your fingertips.

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# YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Arizona homeschool students age 11+ and homeschool graduates up to age 24 who have their own business, product, or service are invited to apply for booth space at the 2021 AFHE Convention in the Young Entrepreneurs section of the exhibit hall. Learn more and apply online.

[AFHE.ORG/EXHIBITOR-INFORMATION](https://afhe.org/exhibitor-information)

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## More Convention Information — Coming Soon —

Check the AFHE website!

- List of exhibitors and Young Entrepreneurs ●
- Teen Program description and registration details ●
  - Convention Schedule Overview ●
  - Photo Scavenger Hunt ●
- Maps for parking and navigating the GCU campus ●
  - Workshop schedule and descriptions ●
  - Workshop handouts to download and print ●
    - Recommended hotels ●
- Convention features on the new AFHE mobile app ●
- Schedule and registration details for the AFHE Convention Livestream option

[afhe.org/convention](https://afhe.org/convention)

## HOMESCHOOL *Arizona*

### *In Our Next Issue ...*

Our next issue will be a digital version, available to the public on the AFHE website. Here's what we're planning...

- *Leadership Conference review*
- *Capitol Day report and highlights*
- *Mementos from the AFHE Graduation*
- *Announcement of 2021 AFHE Scholarship recipients*
- *Government Affairs update from the current legislative session*
- *Plus more articles and announcements that will inform and edify you in your family's homeschooling journey!*



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Thank you for partnering with us through your annual membership! Your support helps us to **INSPIRE** parents to home educate their children; **PROMOTE** parent-directed home-based education; **PRESERVE** the freedom to homeschool; and **SUPPORT** parents who choose a home-based education option for their children.

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## Tired of scrolling? Excited about the 2021 Convention?

*Two excellent reasons for you to check out our YouTube channel!*

At the Arizona Families for Home Education channel you will find engaging interviews, footage from past AFHE events, and the 2020 Online Keynote Event featuring Todd Wilson and Zan Tyler - now available to all viewers!

We'll be posting event announcements and orientation videos to help you get ready for the 2021 AFHE Convention.



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