



# Arizona Families for Home Education

## Convention Workshop Descriptions

This document details the featured speaker workshops in our 2022 Convention schedule. The exhibitor workshop schedule is published separately and will be posted on the AFHE website in mid-May.

**Friday, July 15, 2022**

**8:45 – 10:30 AM — Keynote Session plus Q&A**

**Building Education around a Biblical Worldview**

**Dr. George Barna**

Ballroom

Few parents establish the objective of ensuring that their children develop a biblical worldview. It does not happen by chance; very few children and parents of children under age 13 have a biblical worldview. Such a way of life must be taught on purpose and strategically - and, ideally, before reaching the age of 13. Barna will describe his research regarding the importance, impact, and process of developing a biblical worldview, as well as the alternatives popular in the U.S.

**10:45-11:45 AM**

**iAdvocate Westminster – Christian Teen Program**

**Generation Joshua**

Ballroom

Program registration required.

**Encouragement for Young Moms**

**Brook Wayne**

Room 151-152

**Early Education Focus**

Training a child is a lot easier sounding on paper than lived out in real life. Brook Wayne encourages moms with little ones in practical ways to train children, inspire listening skills, initiate meaningful conversations, and gently guide a child's heart when correction is needed. This session also explores the need for young moms to take time to nurture their own souls, as they seek to disciple and lead their children.

## **Can I Help My Child with Special Needs?**

**Beverly Parrish**

Room 153-154

### **Special Needs Learning**

Homeschooling parents of a child with special needs often ask themselves many questions like “Am I qualified to do this?” or “What can I possibly offer?” and “Shouldn’t I leave this to the experts?” As a mom of three dyslexic learners and a daughter with Down Syndrome, Beverly has a unique insight into the doubts and concerns of parents wondering whether they can adequately educate their special needs child. Come and find encouragement for this challenging task.

## **Learning Like daVinci and Jefferson: Notebooking 101**

**Jamie Erickson**

Room 155-156

Educational pioneer, Charlotte Mason, championed the idea of “note booking.” But this wonderful extension of learning can be dated back long before she gave it a name. For centuries, The Greats cataloged what they learned in notebooks, rehearsing their discoveries in a natural way—with pen, paper, and imagination. Find out how to inspire learning through a simple notebook, see firsthand several types of notebooks and how to use them effectively, and learn about some simple tools and techniques for drawing your children into notebooking with purpose.

## **Applying the Latest Biblical Worldview Research in the Home**

**Dr. Adam Rasmussen**

Room 157

Researcher George Barna tells us that only 6% of adults in America possess a biblical worldview. But what exactly is the biblical worldview? Why is it important? And how can we change our lives with a biblical worldview? This workshop defines a biblical worldview as a vision of God, the universe, and self based upon the Bible. The biblical worldview helps us keep our eyes on the prize as we silence the lies, teach, and baptize. We change our lives by developing a Bible reading plan, finding a mentor, and teaming with friends. Dr. Adam Rasmussen will show home-educating parents specific steps to apply these principles in the lives of their children.

## **Prime Numbers: The Gateway to Math and Beyond**

**Dennis DiNoia**

Room 158

This hands-on workshop will show how to use prime numbers to simplify both numerical and algebraic fractions, greatest common factors, least common multiples, simplifying roots and determining patterns in sequences. This workshop is for anyone who is ready for pre-algebra and up to pre-calculus. The workshop is fast paced and fun whether you are a middle school student, high school student or parent. This is a must for parents of younger children preparing for pre-algebra!

## **Equipping for Cultural Engagement: How to Turn (Scary) Conversations into Discipleship**

### **Opportunities**

#### **Sponsor Workshop - World News Group**

**Kelsey Reed**

Room 159

Raising children in the Age of Information presents challenges like none other. Throw adolescence into the mix and the stakes immediately rise. This pivotal moment in discipleship deserves care and attention – not to mention well-honed tools. Whether you are a parent of teens or getting ready for that developmental stage in your family, this conversation is for you. Join Kelsey Reed to explore best educational practices focused on equipping children for biblical engagement of the world in which we live.

## **Language Arts: It's a Natural Progression**

**Sonya Shafer**

Room 160

Teaching language arts doesn't have to be complicated. Discover what exactly is included in language arts and how the Charlotte Mason Method simply follows the natural progression of learning to use language well. Gather lots of practical tips for teaching language arts in an enjoyable and simple way—the Charlotte Mason way.

## **The History of the Homeschooling Movement**

**Israel Wayne**

Room 161

Over the past 6,000 years, homeschooling has been the primary form of education for nearly every culture worldwide. Compulsory government schooling has only been around in America since about 1840, but it is so pervasive that for most parents, public schooling is all they have ever experienced. The modern-day homeschooling movement has taken America by storm, with nearly 2 million students being home educated nationwide. Learn about the origins of the rebirth of home-based learning, and discover God's purposes and plans for the future of the homeschooling movement.

## **How to Coach Your Creative Child**

**S.D. Smith**

Room 162-163

**Keynote Series**

Your creative child needs encouragement, but also needs guidance and discipline. Join *Green Ember* author S.D. Smith as he discusses how to help kids gifted in and keen on music, writing, and the arts to say “yes” to their gifting and “no” to the destructive and selfish behaviors associated with artists.

## **Getting Started Homeschooling in Arizona**

**Joshua & Stacey Sugata**

Room 164

You've decided to homeschool, but where do you start? There is a lot of information out there and it can be overwhelming at times. Homeschooling decisions don't have to be confusing, especially when you take it one step at a time! In this workshop, you'll get the information you

need to follow the laws in our state as well as some practical help to get your family off to a solid start.

### **Building on a Sure Foundation: Mission & Methods**

**LaNissir James**

Room 165-166

**High School @ Home Series**

For some families, high school at home is just around the corner. Other families bring teens home for all or part of their high school years. This seminar builds a foundation to show the big picture for high school, explains important building blocks along the way, and gives resources you can draw from to meet the challenge.

### **Photography Class – Christian Teen Program**

**James Staddon, Lenspiration**

Room 167

Registration required. Session 1 of 4.

**1:30-2:30 PM**

### **iAdvocate Westminster – Christian Teen Program**

**Generation Joshua**

Ballroom

**PLEASE NOTE: Afternoon session begins at 1:00 PM**

Registration required.

### **The Art of Cultivating Curiosity**

**Heather Haupt**

Room 151-152

**Early Education Focus**

Come explore ways to cultivate the engine of education: curiosity. Learn how to grow the love of learning in your children that will bear the long-term fruit of academic excellence, strong family relationships, and independent learning. This developmentally appropriate, holistic approach to real-life learning can relieve stress for both parent and child, as well as bring joy to your homeschool and family life beginning in the crucial early years.

### **Homeschooling Gifted Kids—You CAN Do It Successfully**

**Cindy West**

Room 153-154

**Special Needs Learning**

How is homeschooling a gifted child different than homeschooling other children? How do you meet the needs of your gifted child? How do you keep him challenged? What happens when he's smarter than you? How will you homeschool him and your other children at the same time? How do you keep him humble while encouraging his gifts? This workshop answers these questions and many more!

### **The Five Flavors of Homeschooling**

**Sonya Shafer**

Room 155-156

The world of homeschooling is a lot like the world of food. You know that you want to provide nutritious meals for your children's minds, but there are so many possibilities for what that food could look like and taste like. Join Sonya for a simple overview of five main approaches to homeschooling: traditional, classical, Charlotte Mason, unit studies, unschooling. Find your preferred "flavor" and learn how to choose and use curriculum successfully.

### **Good News of God's Great Faithfulness**

**Steve McCully**

Room 157

Come hear the story of lessons learned, obstacles overcome, heartbreak healed and (mostly) countless blessings experienced by Steve McCully, the oldest son of Ed and Marilou McCully. Ed McCully was one of five missionaries killed in 1956 in the Amazon jungles of Ecuador. You will be blessed as you hear how their story became a powerful testimony to God's faithfulness.

### **Why a College Professor Homeschools His Children**

**Dr. Carlos Valiente**

Room 158

If you are considering homeschooling or are a seasoned veteran desiring encouragement for the journey ahead, this talk is for you. Dr. Carlos Valiente, a homeschooling father of 15 years and Professor of Family Studies, will share key benefits associated with homeschooling. Throughout the talk, he will draw upon the homeschooling literature, the broader family and educational literature, his observations as a college professor, as well as his experiences in the homeschooling community, and his homeschooling household.

### **Joyful Mother of Children**

**Sponsor Workshop – HSLDA**

**LaNissir James**

Room 159

In this session, as the mother of seven children, LaNissir emphasizes the foundational importance of answering the call to mother many children while nurturing each individual child's relationship with God. She discusses how to parent with godly communication and provides organizational tips to find harmony in this fast-paced world. She also shares special encouragement to help you train up your child all the way from the toddler through the teenage years.

### **Teaching Several Grades at Once**

**Brook Wayne**

Room 160

Teaching several grade levels all together can seem daunting. However, what might at first appear to be overwhelming can be turned into a benefit in your homeschool. Let's look together at planning ahead, group teaching, leading older children in sharing knowledge, and ideas that bring the family together.

## **The 7 E's for Choosing Curriculum**

**Jeannie Fulbright**

Room 161

With all the offerings out there, how do you know which curriculum is right for your family? In this talk, Jeannie will share the 7 E's that helped her choose curriculum. By employing the 7 E's you will know just what to look for when choosing curriculum, and you will avoid wasting money on things that won't work for you. These 7 E's will ensure your children have curriculum that conforms to your mission and goals and breathes life and ease into your homeschooling journey.

## **Techno-Parenting: Navigating Screens and Media**

**Israel Wayne**

Room 162-163

**Keynote Series**

Parents today struggle with knowing how to balance their child's use of technology and screentime. On the one hand, we want our children to know how to use technology in the ever-changing global economy, but on the other, we struggle with knowing how much screentime is harmful or addictive. This session will help give you courage and competency to navigate these difficult issues.

## **Is Your Child an Entrepreneur? (Are You One, Too?)**

**Dennis DiNoia**

Room 164

Discover what an entrepreneur is and how to be one during this session. Often the entrepreneur inside us is not allowed to come out simply because we do not relate to ourselves as an entrepreneur. During this session, participants will begin their journey of living the life of an entrepreneur now and not waiting for a college degree or some great business opportunity. Learn what financial success is and how to achieve it no matter how old you are. Everyone attending will discover the entrepreneur within themselves—moms, dads, and young people. Oh, yes, you can!

## **Playing Academic Catch-Up with Teens**

**Beverly Parrish**

Room 165-166

**High School @ Home Series**

Does it seem that your older teen is 'behind' in school? It could be because of learning challenges, family or health distractions, previous school history, etc. Whatever the reason, the school 'to-do' list seems to be larger than the amount of time you feel you have left with your child. In this session, Bev will talk about strategies you can use when determining what concepts must be covered, how to capitalize on your child's strengths to cover the material, the necessity of supporting their sense of self, and what resources might be 'friendly' to this type of situation.

## **Photography Class – Christian Teen Program**

**James Staddon, Lenspiration**

Room 167

Registration required. Session 2 of 4.

**iAdvocate Westminster – Christian Teen Program**

**Generation Joshua**

Ballroom

Registration required.

**Preparing Your Child to Read Well**

**Beverly Parrish**

Room 151-152

**Early Education Focus**

Some children practically teach themselves to read, but most will need to begin with good preparation and continue with sustained instruction along the way. Before beginning to work with a phonics curriculum, there are helpful things you can do to ensure that your beginning reader is prepared to be successful. Come learn more about the value of pre-reading skills, what those skills are, and what to look for in a sound, thorough phonics curriculum.

**Helping the ADD/ADHD Child**

**Israel Wayne**

Room 153-154

**Special Needs Learning**

If you have a hyperactive or easily distractible child, you won't want to miss Israel's informative and sometimes humorous message that shares stories from his experience as an ADHD child himself. You will receive practical and Biblical insights into ADD/ADHD and will be encouraged that there is hope for your child!

**It's Homeschooling, Not School-at-Home**

**Jamie Erickson**

Room 155-156

Most mothers who choose to homeschool want to provide something different for our children than what the other guys are offering. We assume that simply taking the road less traveled will make all the difference. Our kids will be happy, healthy, and well-educated. The end. Yet we often allow our past experiences of school to hitchhike into this new journey. Many "real school" practices are necessary over there, but when used here, constrict. Like an anchor threatening to pull you under, "real" school could ruin your homeschool. If you're to survive, and better yet, thrive, you'll need a new way of looking at teaching and learning at home.

**When Your Homeschooling Journey Doesn't Look Like Everyone Else's**

**Gretchen Roe**

Room 157

You CAN homeschool your children, even as a single parent, or as a grandparent stepping in to pinch hit for busy parents. Join Gretchen Roe as she provides resources, insight, and ideas for making the nontraditional possible. She'll share stories of families who have been successful, and what underlies their success.

## **Learning While Suffering: How to Allow Challenges to Enrich Homeschooling**

**Dr. Carlos Valiente**

Room 158

Homeschooling is often hard (but worth it!) even when life is going well. Unfortunately, when significant difficulties emerge, families struggle to continue the homeschooling journey. Join Carlos Valiente, a homeschooling father of 15 years and Professor of Family Studies, for a conversation of ways homeschooling can be fun and effective when life seems to be falling apart. Carlos will draw upon his scientific research, as well as what worked and did not work, while he and his wife were homeschooling their children during seasons of chronic illnesses, caring for a family member dying from dementia, and while living in Ethiopia.

## **Homeschooling High School: Where Do I Begin?**

**Sponsor Workshop – BJU Press / Homeworks by Precept**

**Sharon Fisher**

Room 159

Homeschooling a high school-age child can be a bit intimidating. However, developing a personalized high school plan for your homeschoolers can help you get them to high school graduation and beyond. Mapping out core courses and electives will keep you on track throughout the high school years, and it will help you guide your children in achieving their long-term goals. Discover the tools that will guide you in devising a tailor-made plan for successful high school years. We will discuss why core classes are essential and how to develop a plan for electives that highlight your child's strengths and interests.

## **Keep Children Engaged with Creative Bible Study**

**Cindy West**

Room 160

Too many children and teens tell me they don't like homeschool Bible study. They think it's boring and irrelevant to their young lives. Even worse, some parents tell me they don't make Bible study a priority because their children (or even they) are bored with it. Oh, my – do I have some awesome news to share! I've found ways to spice up Bible study so that none of us are ever bored and look forward to our time spent in the Lord's Word each day. Let me send you home with ideas!

## **How to Make History as Fascinating as It Really Is**

**Jeannie Fulbright**

Room 161

In this talk, Jeannie will share the keys to making history amazing for you and your children. In addition to embracing the whole book approach and ideas for creative assignments, you will receive a list of historical fiction from each time period. Jeannie will also explain how to design your own history curriculum combining some of the best the homeschool community has to offer.



## **Faith of Our Founders**

**Mike Donnelly**

Room 162-163

### **Keynote Series**

In 1775, Patrick Henry famously said, "Give me liberty or give me death." The founders of our country were mostly Christian men for whom "liberty" meant Christian liberty. But how much was their faith a part of our founding? John Adams' and John Hancock's battle cry was one of "No King but King Jesus." While secular historians will minimize the impact of the founders' faith, the truth is that 93% of the founders were members of Christian churches. An accurate knowledge of history is critical if we are to recover our nation's heritage. Mike unearths the truth and the importance of the faith of our founders.

## **Sharing Life, Love, and Learning**

**Heather Haupt & Colene Lewis**

Room 164

One of the perks of homeschooling is the opportunity families have to build relationships. Learning to live and learn together, 24-7, provides a wonderful environment where relationships are cultivated. It isn't always easy, but the benefits are well worth the effort! Heather and Colene provide an honest look at how to thrive in the beautiful, but sometimes messy world of living and learning together.

## **SAT Math: It's Not the Math That's Confusing, It's the Question**

**Dennis DiNoia**

Room 165-166

### **High School @ Home Series**

Join Mr. D for a mini-SAT Boot Camp! This workshop will focus on math, the language behind the questions, SAT tips and techniques, and will show participants what they really need to know before taking the math section of the SAT. Find out the words that give you clues for solving the questions, and learn what formulas you must know before the taking the SAT. Students and parents alike will learn how to unravel the questions being asked into something they can solve quickly and easily. These techniques can be used for other testing situations and subject areas as well.

## **Photography Class – Christian Teen Program**

**James Staddon, Lenspiration**

Hands-On Learning Pavilion, Exhibit Hall

Registration required. Session 3 of 4.

## 4:30-5:30 PM – Keynote Session

### The Keys to the Kids

Mike Donnelly

Ballroom

**Who really has the best interests of children at heart: parents or the state?** A growing chorus of voices insists that children don't belong to parents. Children, these voices say, belong to the "community." Some of these voices say that children should learn only in government-approved schools or from government-approved standards. These misguided voices are prompting both state and federal lawmakers to hand over the keys to the kids. Skirmishes are being fought over this issue now. Are you prepared? Mike addresses these serious issues and ties together events both current and historic, providing perspective needed to fully comprehend currents and trends in a timeless struggle for control.

### iAdvocate Westminster – Christian Teen Program

Generation Joshua

ROOM CHANGE: Room 162-163

PLEASE NOTE: Dismisses at 6:00 PM

Registration required.

### Photography Class – Christian Teen Program

James Staddon, Lenspiration

Room 167

Registration required. Session 4 of 4.

## 6:30-8:30 PM – Friday Night Event – Green Ember LIVE

### GREEN EMBER LIVE featuring S.D. Smith

Ballroom

Experience an unpublished, exclusive, never-released Green Ember story LIVE, as series author S. D. Smith performs a new adventure with laughs and action and surprises! The evening also features new art from illustrator Zach Franzen and original songs from the beloved series you can sing along with. Advance ticket purchase required.

## 8:45-10:00 AM – Keynote Session

### **Education: Does God Have an Opinion?**

**Israel Wayne**

Ballroom

Is Education a neutral subject? Does God have a preference for how He wants children to be educated? What does the Bible teach about schooling? Is there one correct path for education? Are public schools a viable option for Christians? These questions and more will be discussed in this engaging presentation.

## 10:30-11:30 AM

### **iAdvocate Westminster – Christian Teen Program**

**Generation Joshua**

Ballroom

Registration required.

### **The Early Years: Homeschooling Your Preschooler**

**Sonya Shafer**

Room 151-152

**Early Education Focus**

Give your child what is most important. Instead of academic or social pressures, Charlotte Mason encouraged mothers to give their little ones a full six years of developing good habits, getting acquainted with nature, exploring with the five senses, growing in their spiritual lives, and more. Learn how to give your child a quiet growing time.

### **Overcoming Dyslexia and Reading Challenges**

**Danni Gugel**

Room 153-154

**Special Needs Learning**

Reading is the key that opens the door to an entire universe of learning. School can be overwhelming and frustrating at best when a child is struggling to read. There is real hope for treating the root causes of reading difficulties and disabilities. We'll help you understand what can go wrong in reading development and how to help your child overcome all types of reading difficulties. Participants will learn the definition of dyslexia and other reading challenges, how dyslexia is diagnosed, causes for misdiagnosis, treatments for dyslexia and reading challenges, and next steps for intervention. All participants will receive a complimentary dyslexia screen.

## **Secrets of the Boy Whisperer: Wise Words for Moms of Teen Boys**

**Beverly Parrish**

Room 155-156

Parents have a dream for how they envision their sons will 'turn out' at the end of the journey. How can you carry out the plan successfully if your son spends all day under the direction of a woman? In this session, Beverly will share ways to implement practices that will encourage your teen boys to grow into happy, mannerly, intelligent leaders for their future families — leaders who respect and protect women, embrace their role with confidence, and are comfortable in their manhood. Come be encouraged from a mom with six sons that it is in fact possible....and fun!

## **Is Today's Military Right for My Child?**

**Mike Donnelly**

Room 157

Serving in the United States military is generally considered patriotic and an honorable profession. But how can societal changes reflected in the military impact a parent's view of military service today? What is involved in serving in the military, and how should parents mentor their children considering military service? Mike served as a platoon leader in combat during Desert Storm with the U.S. Army's Third Armored Cavalry Regiment. In this talk, he discusses practical and philosophical issues about serving in today's military. Come with questions and be prepared to be challenged in your thinking.

## **Cultivating Curiosity through Project-Based Learning**

**Jamie Erickson**

Room 158

Charlotte Mason once said, "Self-education is the only possible education; the rest is mere veneer laid on the surface of a child's nature." Come hear how you can nurture your child's natural curiosities and encourage him/her towards deep, layered learning. You'll find out what project-based learning is and what it's not, discover how to transform boredom into brilliance, and understand how to teach less so that your child might learn more.

## **Exploring the World from Home**

**Colene Lewis**

Room 159

An understanding of the world—both the physical and cultural geography—will give your children a basis for all future studies in history and science. Come and discover how to teach geography and world awareness across your homeschool day and curricula. This is crucial for the younger years in order to build a framework. It is crucial for the older years in order to integrate and apply their learning to the wider world.

## **Teaching Economics in the Homeschool: It's Important (and Easier Than You Think)**

**Cindy West**

Room 160

As an educational consultant for the Center for Economic Education at Eastern Kentucky University, I teach elementary and middle school teachers how to implement hands-on economics lessons in their classrooms. I can teach homeschool parents how to do that, too! Economics isn't often considered in the homeschool, but it's an incredibly important subject

that can also be great fun. It makes for a great co-op class, too! What do play dough, children's literature, and mysteries have to do with economics? Let me show you!

### **The Essential Tools for Developing Self-Motivated Children**

**Jeannie Fulbright**

Room 161

There are few things more frustrating to the homeschool mom than a child who does not care to do his lessons. In this talk, Jeannie shares valuable tools for developing children with self-initiative. These tools are none other than Charlotte Mason's teaching called Masterly Inactivity. By implementing the seven elements of Masterly Inactivity, you will find yourself homeschooling from abundance, trusting in the Lord's plan for your children's lives, and watching your children blossom into self-confident people that pursue their learning with purpose.

### **Christian Storytelling: An Escape Into Reality**

**S.D. Smith**

Room 162-163

**Keynote Series**

Storytelling is everywhere, from Netflix and Disney+ to advertising and politics. Should Christian families be ignorant of the how and why of storytelling? In this talk, bestselling author S. D. Smith shares insights on how Christian parents can wisely think about the challenges and opportunities of storytelling. Christians should be at home with storytelling. After all, we follow a storytelling God.

### **Homeschooling the Whole Teen**

**Carol Gary**

Room 164

**High School @ Home**

Trepidation sets into the hearts of even the bravest homeschooling parents when subjects such as chemistry, geometry, and economics loom on the horizon. Yet, while an academic plan is essential to understand and map, it is not the only area of focus to consider when preparing your homeschooled teen for life in and after high school. Join Carol to not only unpack specific academic planning considerations for the high school years but to also collaborate with your teen, identifying their relational, communication, vocational aspiration, spiritual development, and life-skills needs to shape a comprehensive, adaptable vision for their future plan.

### **High School Transcript Clinic: Practical Help and Tips**

**LaNissir James**

Room 165-166

**High School @ Home**

Creating a high school transcript is a vital part of maintaining your teen's high school records. In this interactive, practical seminar, you'll create a transcript that can be used as a pattern when designing your own. The session will guide you through the essentials of transcripts, how to evaluate credit, steps to simplify grading, and how to calculate grade point averages (GPAs).

## **Hand Lettering Made Simple**

**Nicole Ryberg**

Room 167

### **Ticketed Hands-On Tutorial: Advance Registration Required**

In this workshop, we'll explore different styles of hand lettering and cover some tips that will make creating your own unique work of art accessible to all levels of experience. We'll design, letter, and beautify a piece that you can take home and display. We'll also talk about ways that you can incorporate hand lettering into your homeschool journey as a learning activity to do with your children, an encouragement to yourself, or a ministry to others. You can be confident in creating with your kids, even if you've never had formal training or much practice.

**1:00-2:00 PM**

## **iAdvocate Westminster – Christian Teen Program**

**Generation Joshua**

Ballroom

**PLEASE NOTE: Afternoon session begins at 12:30 PM**

Registration required.

## **Help! I'm Homeschooling & I Have a Toddler Strapped to My Leg!**

**Jamie Erickson**

Room 151-152

### **Early Education Focus**

"Mom, Johnny's drinking from the dog dish again!" Homeschooling with little ones under foot can feel a bit like brushing your teeth while eating Oreos — counterintuitive. But the fact is, the foundation of homeschool is HOME and everyone in it, even the toddler who's currently feeding Cheerios to the goldfish. Discover how you can engage your little ones CONstructively during the harried homeschool day.

## **Understanding Children with a History of Fetal Drug and Alcohol Exposure**

**Dr. Paul Beljan**

Room 153-154

### **Special Needs Learning**

This lecture presents how fetal drug and alcohol exposure (FDAE) works neurologically. Children with FDAE commonly express learning disabilities, attention and executive functioning deficit, and affective/behavioral dysregulation. FDAE is a prominent cause of preventable mild mental impairment and emotional disorders. Children with FDAE are complex. Providing caretakers with the neurological understanding of FDAE helps to guide assessment, educational choices, and behavioral/emotional management. Simply understanding that the child cannot help many of the problematic behaviors they express puts caretakers in a better position to develop management techniques that enhance self-esteem and do not inadvertently cause the child further failure.

### **No Child Left Inside! Using Field Trips to Enhance Learning**

**Linda Crosby**

Room 155-156

Do you have days when you simply need to get out of the house and set aside indoor work for a while? You'll be inspired to discover the joy of venturing outdoors as Linda shares her field trip ideas and expertise! Two-and-a-half of Linda's homeschooling years were field trip years, with extensive study specifically focused on learning away from home. Come and hear lively tales of hiking through cave dwellings, chasing sheep into pens, sailing on a tall ship, and escaping on the Underground Railroad! Uncover the wonder of God's world with your children and broaden their homeschool experience.

### **Singled Out?**

**Mike Donnelly**

Room 157

Even when Mom and Dad are pulling together with a common vision, homeschooling can be challenging. How is it possible for single parents to manage the demands of providing for, protecting, and educating their children? Mike, who was raised in a single-parent home, shares his research and thoughts on how single moms and dads can keep homeschooling successfully on their own.

### **How Classical Literature Can Help the Modern World**

**Kathy Becker**

Room 158

This talk explores classical literature and explains how the themes of these good books continue to teach us valuable lessons that apply to the world today. Along the way, we will look at *Charlotte's Web*, *Anne of Green Gables*, and *Anna Karenina* as well as poetry.

### **How to Think and Talk Math**

**Dennis DiNoia**

Room 159

What if math was its own language? Learn to speak math in a similar way to how you learn to speak other new languages. Learn the basic foundations on which the math language is created and how to see Algebra skills in basic math. This workshop will help participants who want to expand their thinking to higher levels of math, using basic operations they already know. Learn the "secrets" of mental math and how to apply them in everyday situations. Participants access a common math language that can be used at any grade level.

### **When More is Less: A Call to Simplicity in Your Schedule, Your Home, and Your Children's Education**

**Sonya Shafer**

Room 160

It's easy to get caught up in the mentality that we've got to add more: we must do more, we must get more, and our children must study more. More, more, more! But the funny thing is that when we keep adding more, we usually end up with less of what really matters. Come discover the richness that simplicity can bring to your schedule, your home, and your children's education.

### **I don't Have Enough Patience!**

**Brook Wayne**

Room 161

Many moms feel like they don't have enough patience to home educate their children. What do you do when your worst fears are confirmed, and you realize you don't have enough patience to continue homeschooling? Come learn about what patience is, what it isn't, where it comes from, and how to grow and thrive in the pressure cooker of mothering.

### **Considerations Before Starting a Family Business**

**Israel Wayne**

Room 162-163

**Keynote Series**

Many Christian families are looking for ways to start a business to promote family unity, supplement their income or generate a new full-time occupation. While there are many advantages to this decision, there are many pitfalls as well. This workshop helps you to look before you leap, and to succeed once you jump.

### **College Bound**

**Kathryn Graunke**

Room 164

**High School @ Home Series**

Want to settle those fears about preparing your student for college? This seminar, customized for Arizona families, will provide you with the information and structure you need for creating a college-prep high school plan for your unique student. Kathryn will also address special topics for you to consider such as course selection, dual enrollment, NCAA, and transfer to universities.

### **Help, Hope, and Your Teen's Mental Health**

**Sheri & Jeff Orr**

Room 165-166

**High School @ Home Series**

Today's teens are dealing with anxiety and depression. This is occurring at greater rates than previously observed, and it is not always easy to see as parents. How can you identify when your teen is struggling with these tougher issues? What role does spirituality play in bringing hope and real solutions? Learn valuable tools to help you identify when your teen may be dealing with anxiety, depression, and stress, and gain insights into giving real help and hope.

### **Creative Nature Study IS Real Science!**

**Cindy West**

Room 167

**Ticketed Hands-On Tutorial: Advance Registration Required**

There is no "right" way to incorporate nature study into your homeschool, but it can be considered as real science lessons when taken seriously. This workshop will give you a wealth of practical suggestions for adding nature study in a way that suits your family's homeschool. Understand the importance of studying God's creation, feel confident (even if you're a novice), learn how to keep nature journals, and learn what to do during nature study no matter where you live.



**iAdvocate Westminster – Christian Teen Program**

**Generation Joshua**

Ballroom

Registration required.

**Child Training: Building a Foundation for Enjoyable Learning**

**Beverly Parrish**

Room 151-152

**Early Education Focus**

If you can't get your children to obey you without a fuss or a fight, it's going to be practically impossible to teach them anything. Successfully educating our children requires that they respond positively to what we ask them to do. A peaceful, happy homeschool environment results when they do what we've asked without whining, complaining, pouting, or otherwise making everyone around them miserable. You will leave this session with specific tools for training your children to cheerfully obey, without turning your home into a joyless prison camp.

**Autism: A Way Forward**

**Dr. Justin Gardner**

Room 153-154

**Special Needs Learning**

Accurate and early diagnosis is the key to treating and managing the symptoms of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Parents are often the first to notice the signs of ASD and are thus crucial agents in the diagnostic process. This presentation will provide attendees with insight into the causes, symptoms, and effective treatments for ASD. The discussion will then turn to available resources to further attendees' knowledge of the disorder and their role in the process of identification and treatment. The goal of this session is to empower parents in their multi-faceted role as parent and educator by providing them with a more robust clinical toolkit.

**Five Steps to a Superior Science Education**

**Jeannie Fulbright**

Room 155-156

There is a reason that American school children score at the bottom on international science assessments. It is the ineffective way in which science is taught in schools. Most of us were subjected to this system and obtained only a cursory understanding of science. As homeschoolers, we have the freedom and opportunity to throw out those unproductive techniques. We can truly impart a deeper knowledge and love for science. Jeannie will share five vital steps, inspired by Charlotte Mason, that will ensure you impart a superior science education. These five steps will not only enrich your homeschool, they will prepare your children for high school and college.

### **For You, Dad: Leading Your Homeschool Family**

**Mike Donnelly**

Room 157

In most homeschooling families, Mom carries the biggest burden. How can Dad share the load when he is gone all day earning a living? How can we fathers influence our families as God calls us to do? In this talk, Mike discusses Kingdom priorities in homeschooling as well as practical ideas to balance the increasing demands on your time and resources.

### **Unharried Homeschooling: Scheduling 101**

**Jamie Erickson**

Room 158

Do your homeschool days feel like an endless exercise in treading water? Is there constant animosity between you and Monday morning? Do you feel like a hamster on a wheel, running at full speed, but getting nowhere fast? Perhaps you need to re-order your days so that your school schedule works for your home, and not against it. Learn the secrets of planning your days and year using Sabbath schooling, loop scheduling, block scheduling, traditional scheduling, rhythm planning, and many more strategies. Put your homeschool day on auto-pilot by forming the right plan.

### **Exploring Arizona: Books, Field Trips, and More!**

**Colene Lewis**

Room 159

Come and learn how to develop a fun and academically rich study of the grandest state of all! A study based on living books, simple activities, and local field trips can provide a rich multi-level and multi-subject experience where everyone learns and builds family memories. You can personalize your study to be for a semester, a year-long study of Arizona, or even a lighter summer unit. You can cover as much or as little of what you want of Arizona history, geography, biology (plant and animal), cultural studies, economics, and/or government.

### **Creating Your Family's Best Learning Environment**

**Carol Gary**

Room 160

What is a "learning environment," and how do we make our homeschooling efforts truly work? We can have the best motivation, a sensible blueprint, and the content of our materials determined within our homeschools and still fall short of what we want to see happen when daily realities hit. Accepting that no homeschool is perfect and every family has a teaching approach that is unique, we can implement universal strategies to obtain fruitful results for both the parents and the kids. So come and learn what it means to "environ" your family, "see" your child, and experience those joy-filled moments!

### **One Word Can Change Everything: The Strong Weak-Willed Child**

**Sonya Shafer**

Room 161

When Sonya realized how Charlotte Mason defined strong-willed vs. weak-willed, it completely changed her attitude toward her children. If you feel like you are constantly butting heads in a battle of the wills, this session could revolutionize how you view your child. Discover helpful ideas that can relieve the tension, refresh your perspective, and restore the peace.

## **Pitchin' a Fit: Overcoming Angry and Stressed-Out Parenting**

**Israel Wayne**

Room 162-163

**Keynote Series**

Everyone struggles with anger on some level, but when anger is a frequent occurrence with your children, over time, it will damage your relationships and hinder your effectiveness. Are you tired of being stressed-out, and ready to have a peaceful atmosphere in your home? Learn how in this important workshop.

## **You're Also the Guidance Counselor—Congratulations!**

**Kathryn Graunke**

Room 164

**High School @ Home Series**

There are so many options for high school and beyond—how do I know what my child needs? It seems daunting, but this is an opportunity for significant communication and collaboration with your maturing student! This seminar will explore topics such as course choices (core subjects and elective), the benefits of eclectic schooling, how homeschoolers earn high school science credits, and career planning. You'll be excited by the possibilities stretching before your student in the high school years, and ready to help him or her get excited, too.

## **Developing a Plan for High School: Sample Four-Year Plans**

**LaNissir James**

Room 165-166

**High School @ Home Series**

What plan would suit your high school student? What subjects do you teach and when? Do you follow a basic high school plan, a general college prep plan, or a rigorous college prep plan? This seminar will help organize your thoughts and lay the groundwork for a viable four-year plan. You'll learn about high school credits, simplifying grading, and the fundamentals of recordkeeping – transcripts, extracurriculars, and diplomas.

## **Gentle Math for Early Learners: Building Wonderful Foundations**

**Cindy West**

Room 167

**Ticketed Hands-On Tutorial: Advance Registration Required**

Preschool children do not need formal math lessons. However, there are many gentle ways to introduce little ones to mathematical ideas and thinking – and have lots of fun, too. Don't be surprised at how many math concepts will have been mastered already when your preschoolers get older and move into formal lessons. You will learn activities which can be implemented for preschool through 2nd grade.

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**Developing Lifelong Readers**

**Colene Lewis**

Room 151-152

**Early Education Focus**

Come and discover how to prepare an environment that will cultivate lifelong readers! Reading acquisition is so much more than merely reading mechanics. Whether you have a pre-reader, emergent reader, or fluent reader, this intensely practical workshop will give you tools to use (including developmentally appropriate activities and tips on book selection) as well as pitfalls to avoid (including jumping the gun or taking a cookie cutter approach).

**The Moldable Brain: Using Neuroplasticity to Reach Full Potential**

**Danni Gugel**

Room 153-154

**Special Needs Learning**

Did you know that the brain is able to change and rewire to overcome learning challenges? Come learn about your child's amazing, malleable brain and how to harness this ability to help them learn and grow to their full potential. Participants will understand neuroplasticity as the foundation for learning, understand the critical role cognitive skills play in learning, recognize symptoms of cognitive weaknesses as the root cause of learning challenges, and learn ways to harness neuroplasticity to improve cognitive function and learning.

**Reaching Your Child's Heart**

**Sonya Shafer**

Room 155-156

This mommy-to-mommy challenge about priorities in your homeschool puts the emphasis on the things that are not seen. Sonya shares six ways to reach your child's heart—taken from Elizabeth's example in Luke 1—and four obstacles that can keep us from reaching the heart.

**The Secret to Teaching Writing that Anyone Can Master**

**Jeannie Fulbright**

Room 157

Writing is one of the subjects a homeschool mother dreads to teach. There is a reason for this. Most people do not understand the difference between academic writing and creative writing. In fact, the difference is so vast that most publishers won't publish a novel from a person who is accomplished in writing nonfiction. Nonfiction, like math, is formulaic and easy to master. But few students are given the formula. Instead, they are given curriculum that increases writing anxiety, requiring flowery prose, metaphors, similes, onomatopoeia's, alliteration, and the list tirelessly goes on. The truth is that this is not the kind of writing that earns one A's in college;

quite the opposite. In this talk, Jeannie will share the simple formula that will make writing the easiest subject you teach.

### **Answers for Homeschooling: Top Questions Critics Ask**

**Israel Wayne**

Room 158

Many homeschoolers struggle with self-doubt and/or criticism for their decision by well-meaning friends and family. In this session, Israel will tackle some of the top objections people raise about home education and will give statistics and fact-based answers to help give you confidence to defend your choice to home educate.

### **Goal-Setting: A Family Event!**

**Dennis DiNoia**

Room 159

Goal setting is thought of as a great idea and something everyone needs to do, but we rarely do it, and when we do, we usually lose track of the goal along the way. In this workshop, goals are brought to life through creation and conversation! Everyone participating will create a goal and a visual display for that goal during the workshop, and will learn how to use this process with family members and other groups. You will experience a fun and fast paced format which allows everyone to create and share their goal, inspiring one another along the way.

### **How Do I Teach This Kid?**

**Carol Gary**

Room 160

Everywhere you turn, there seems to be another book about four learning styles. But these standard classifications never seemed to fully help the Gary household, so Carol developed her own! Does your child learn "outside the box" or "inside the box"? Perhaps they learn while "staring at the box" or even "talking to the box". In Carol's home, all four of these learners existed as either primary or secondary learning styles. Come learn strategies that will work for each student while maintaining their developmental uniqueness—and your sanity.

### **Running Your Very Own Three-Ring Circus (Home and Family Management)**

**Brook Wayne**

Room 161

Keeping up with the clutter, mess and chaos in the homeschooling years is a lot like running a three-ring circus! Given by a mother of 11, this session is for families of any size. Delve into ideas, routines and strategies to keep the stuff AND the people in some semblance of order. Also included are concepts for developing a happy homeschool day.

### **Forging Ahead: Apprenticeships in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**Mike Donnelly**

Room 162-163

**Keynote Series**

Homeschooled students may be better prepared for college than many other college-bound teens, but that doesn't mean it's the only option. But what alternatives do our bright, well-educated, well-socialized homeschooled students have? In this talk, Mike offers practical tips

and insightful advice on finding resources and apprenticeships to help guide teens towards their callings.

### **Raising Independent Kids**

**Heather Haupt**

Room 164

We live in a culture that craves easy. Kids are no exception. Sometimes they whine, complain, and struggle to get things done. They simply haven't yet developed the habits of persevering and pursuing excellence. Come find out how to help our kids thrive and give their all to every endeavor. Learn to minimize some of the weaknesses homeschooling can have as well as maximize the strengths that this special one-on-one type of education provides in order to cultivate this mindset.

### **The College Admissions Process: The Homeschooled Student's Guide**

**LaNissir James**

Room 165-166

**High School @ Home Series**

You're not just your teen's teacher; you're also the guidance counselor! Find out how to maneuver through the entire college admissions process—from narrowing down the selection of colleges and filling out college applications, to applying for financial aid and asking the right questions that will help you discern when and where your teen should go to college.

### **Lapbooking Made Easy**

**Linda Crosby**

Room 167

**Ticketed Hands-On Tutorial: Advance Registration Required**

Come and learn how your kids can organize and preserve their work in a compact folder! This is a fun, hands-on, instructional workshop where you will learn folding tricks, create several mini books, and make a lapbook to bring home for your children to start using. You don't have to be a crafty mom to use lapbooks. Linda will go step-by-step through the entire lapbooking process. Lapbooks can enhance any subject from pre-k to 12th grade. The possibilities are endless. They are a fantastic, interactive, and educational tool for every style of learner. Join Linda and see for yourself why lapbooks are a treasure!