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# **A CLEAN MANGER**

by Randi St. Denis, Director - Home Educators Encouragement Alliance

***Where no oxen are, the manger is clean, but much revenue comes by the strength of the ox. - Proverbs 14:4***

Oh, the pressure we feel to have our houses clean! It's nice to know that God is sensitive to this issue. This is a great proverb because it treats a tough topic in a humorous way. So many homeschool moms are frustrated because they can't get their houses clean enough. But this verse gently shows us the truth about children. There are very real blessings that come to us from the strength of our children. Even though they make a mess and need to be fed, they will reward us with so much more than the world predicts.

Today, I laughingly told my kids that sometimes I feel that our house resembles the Ringling Brothers Circus. We were sitting at our table having a writer's workshop and suddenly heard the familiar screech of the trash man's truck. GO! GO! GO! I said as I pointed around the table. Six children jumped up and raced for the trashcans. While the many hands made light work, I'm sure our swarming outside was a comical sight to the trash guys. "Whew! We got the trash out just in time!" was all that mattered to me.

Twenty minutes later, we were making lunch in the kitchen and the doorbell rang. Oh! No! It's the delivery guy with the new furniture for the bedroom. "Quick! Matthew," I said, move the extra mattress leaning against the hall wall and move the hall chest out of the way!" Elizabeth got the front door keys and said "Slowly now, Mom, open the door very slowly." And we slowly opened the door to get our new furniture. The boys helped the men bring it in from the truck and carried it up the stairs.

Yes, God agrees with us that if we had no children the hallway would stay perpetually clean. It wouldn't have an extra bed mattress in it and we wouldn't have to put out all that trash! Over three thousand years ago, He foresaw all our homeschooling messes and wrote us a note to cheer us up and help us see the real truth.

We need to bring this proverbial message to the rest of America. So many husbands and wives postpone having children because they are too costly and too messy. Like the proverbs says, if there are no children the "crib" is clean. But blessings lie in our choice to go ahead and have those children and trust that they will not run us into the poor house but bring us family ties that bind and

support us with added strength.

Here are just a few ideas that might help ease the burden and mess of living with and homeschooling our children.

1. Make part of your dinner in the morning. I hate making the salad, so every morning I make a salad, then wrap and refrigerate it. Making dinner is much less of a burden when some of it was made in the morning.
2. Put in a load of wash at breakfast and lunch. During homeschool, give your child a school break and ask him to move the laundry to the dryer or fold the dry load and take it to the bedrooms.
3. Many hands make light work, so give lots of school breaks and ask children to do small jobs like; unload the dishwasher, make the salad, or feed the dog. Most kids are happy to take a mental break, get up and stretch their legs, and do something physical.
4. Spend less time cleaning and more time keeping your children occupied with you. Children will not be messing up the house if they are learning with you! Some moms just don't get it. They let the children play and play while they scrub and scrub only to get more and more behind. They don't realize that children are not messing up the house while mom is reading books to them.
5. Limit house clean up periods to only certain times of the day, for example, once in the morning and once before dinner. Ignore the house during the rest of the day.

You will surely miss your children when they're grown. Don't just tolerate the messes that come with children, but embrace the messes as hints of a greater good. You and your children will not clearly remember the big birthdays you threw when they were small, but you will remember the everyday toys scattered all around the living floor. You will think back fondly to the days when you made block ramps and roads and endlessly raced the matchbox cars down them. And you'll remember with pride the wonderful feats of architecture your children accomplished with all those Legos. The annoyances of stepping on a Lego or hearing it crackling up your vacuum cleaner won't seem to have been all that important. This is the stuff memories are made of - all the rest will fade away.



# WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

## Friday, June 13 - 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

1. **Creating a Life Learner** - Lynn Sandberg / Homeschool Mom (*Riverview 4*)
2. **Give Your Child Great Computer Skills** - Kelly Ling / Homeschool Mom of 5 (*Riverview 5*)
3. **Inspire Me! A Total Language Plus Workshop** - Traci Barrientos / Homeschool Mom of 4 / Total Language Plus (*Riverview 6*)
4. **What Every Mother of a Preschooler Needs to Know** - Kathy H. Lee / Homeschool Mom / The Homegrown Preschooler (*Riverview 7*)
5. **Learning is a Neurologic Issue: Learn How to Use an Understanding of the Anatomy of the Brain to Be a Better Teacher** - Dr. Sheldon Margulies / Fascinating Education (*Montgomery 1*)
6. **How to Homeschool and Stay Organized** - Cynthia Simmons / Former Homeschool Mom of 5 (*Montgomery 5*)
7. **How to Win the Invisible Spiritual Culture War in Your Family** - Lisa Cherry / Homeschool Mom / Frontline Moms and Dads (*Montgomery 7*)

## Friday, June 13 – 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

1. **Incorporating Discipline into a Homeschool Day** - Lynn Sandberg / Homeschool Mom (*Riverview 5*)
2. **Growing Into Homeschooling** - Jennifer Henn / Homeschool Mom (*Riverview 6*)
3. **Fill the Freezer** - Lesli Richards / Homeschool Mom / The Homegrown Preschooler (*Riverview 7*)
4. **The Nine Practices of The Proactive Parent** - Dr. Steve Scheibner / Homeschool Dad / Character Health (*Montgomery 1*)
5. **Curing Spelling and Reading Problems** - Randi St.Denis / Homeschool Mom of 7 / Director, Home Educators Encouragement Alliance (*Montgomery 5*)
6. **5 School Projects that Teach Financial Literacy and Create Income** - Rhea Perry / Homeschool Mom / Educating For Success (*Montgomery 7*)

## Friday, June 13 – 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

1. **Goal-Based Planning: Getting Out of the Box with Your High Schoolers** - Lani Carey / Homeschool Mom / HomeLife Academy (*Riverview 4*)
2. **Tic Talk! A Presentation on Tourette Syndrome for Youth, Children, and Their Parents** - Katherine Rosch / National Tourette Syndrome Association (*Riverview 5*)
3. **Leading Family Devotions** - Tommy Hendricks, Homeschool Dad (*Riverview 6*)
4. **Teaching to the Way God Made Them: Why Classical Education and the Trivium Work** - Lesli Richards / Homeschool Mom / The Homegrown Preschooler (*Riverview 7*)
5. **Surfacing the Entrepreneur in Your Child** - Ann Haney / Homeschool Mom / Aaron Publishing (*Montgomery 1*)
6. **Homeschooling Multiple Children at Once** - Randi St.Denis / Homeschool Mom of 7 / Director, Home Educators Encouragement Alliance (*Montgomery 5*)
7. **Protecting the Homeschool Family From Sexual Predators** - Lisa Cherry / Homeschool Mom / Frontline Moms and Dads (*Montgomery 7*)

## Friday, June 13 – 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

1. **Discover Your Unique Design for Work and Life BEFORE You Begin a College Path!** - Catherine Brown / Crown Ministries (*Riverview 4*)
2. **Why Homeschool? What is the goal?** - Lynn Sandberg / Homeschool Mom (*Riverview 5*)

3. **How to Find Godly Mentors to Guide Your Children to Financial Freedom** - Rhea Perry / Homeschool Mom / Educating For Success (*Riverview 6*)
4. **The Classical Conversations Difference** - Aimee Smith / Classical Conversations (*Riverview 7*)
5. **How to become a Real Estate Day Trader** - Larry Goins / The Goins Group (*Montgomery 1*)
6. **Raising and Homeschooling Boys** - Randi St.Denis / Homeschool Mom of 7 / Director, Home Educators Encouragement Alliance (*Montgomery 5*)
7. **Teaching Your Kids to Think** - Cynthia Simmons / Former Homeschool Mom of 5 (*Montgomery 7*)

#### **Friday, June 13 – 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

1. **Learn Chemistry, Biology, and Physics the Easy Way!** - Dr. Sheldon Margulies / Fascinating Education (*Riverview 4*)
2. **Overcoming Obstacles** - Cynthia Simmons / Former Homeschool Mom of 5 (*Riverview 5*)
3. **How to Really Learn History!** - Randi St.Denis / Homeschool Mom of 7 / Director, Home Educators Encouragement Alliance (*Riverview 7*)
4. **Best Tips for Big Families** - Kelly Ling / Homeschool Mom of 5 (*Montgomery 1*)
5. **Living on Borrowed Time** - Dr. Steve Scheibner / Homeschool Dad / Character Health (*Montgomery 5*)
6. **What Happens If We Drop Our Baton?** - Lisa Cherry / Homeschool Mom / Frontline Moms & Dads (*Montgomery 7*)

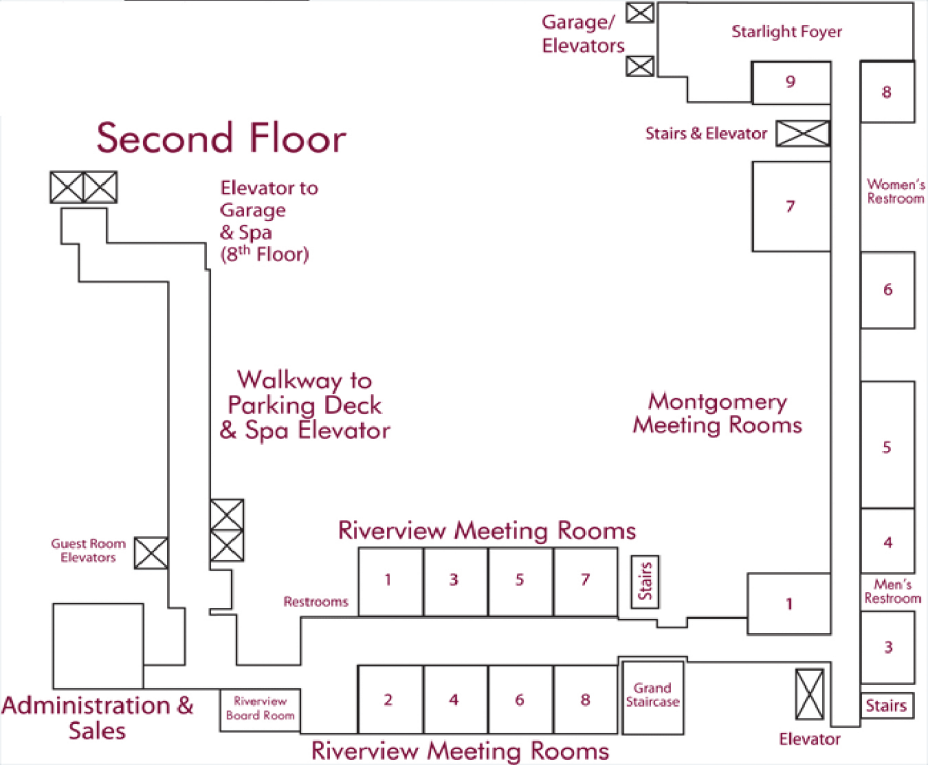
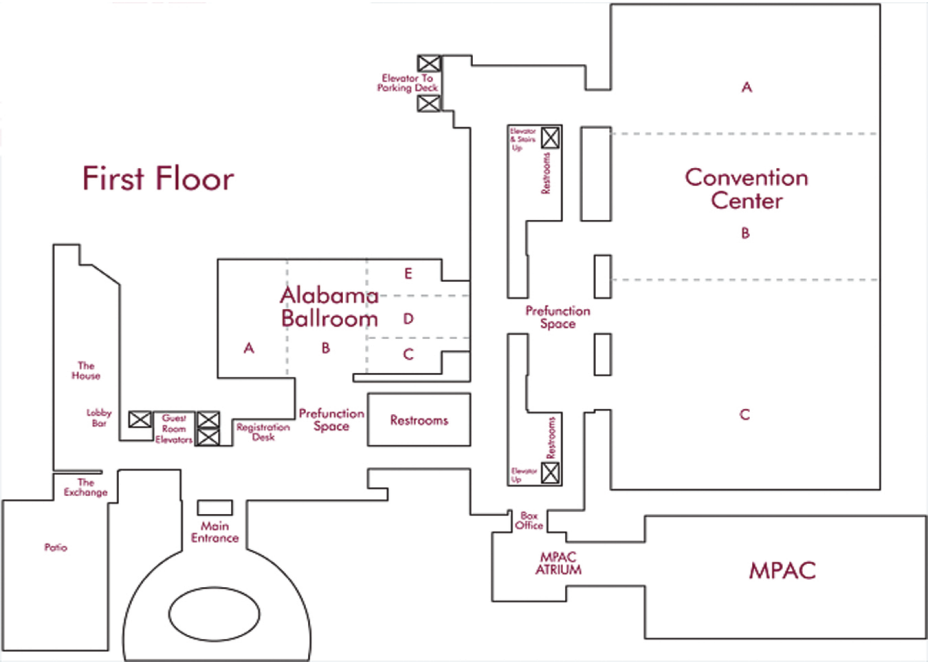
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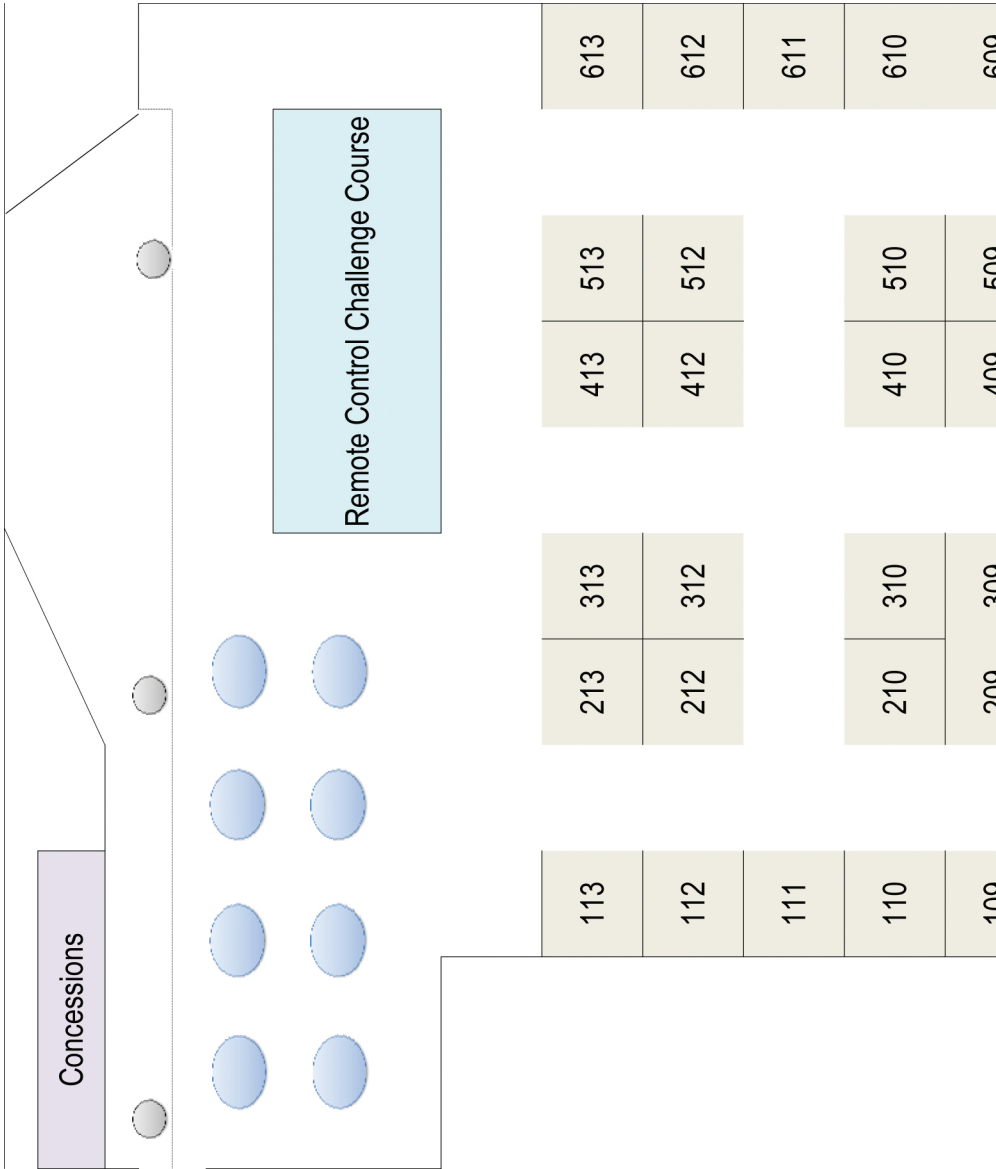
1. **Creating a Love of Science in the Elementary and Middle School Aged Child** - Dr. Sheldon Margulies / Fascinating Education (*Riverview 4*)
2. **How We Educated Our 7 Children to Become Financially Free** - Rhea Perry / Homeschool Mom / Educating For Success (*Riverview 5*)
3. **Dare to Compare** - Jennifer Henn / Homeschool Mom (*Riverview 6*)
4. **The Homegrown Preschooler** - Kathy H. Lee / Homeschool Mom / The Homegrown Preschooler (*Riverview 7*)
5. **Couponing For Maximum Savings With Minimal Time** - Ann Haney / Homeschool Mom / Aaron Publishing (*Montgomery 1*)
6. **Struggling Learners** - Randi St.Denis / Homeschool Mom of 7 / Director, Home Educators Encouragement Alliance (*Montgomery 5*)
7. **Jail Ministry** - Lynn Sandberg / Homeschool Mom (*Montgomery 7*)

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2. **A Hidden Source of Learning and Behavior Problems** - Randy Snider / Snider Therapy Centers (*Riverview 5*)
3. **How to Become a Real Estate Day Trader** - Larry Goins / The Goins Group (*Riverview 6*)
4. **Second Mile Leadership for Men** - Dr. Steve Scheibner / Homeschool Dad / Character Health (*Riverview 7*)
5. **What's in the Box? Using Activity Boxes to Tame Your Toddler!** - Lesli Richards / Homeschool Mom / The Homegrown Preschooler (*Montgomery 1*)
6. **The Difficult Resistant Child** - Randi St.Denis / Homeschool Mom of 7 / Director, Home Educators Encouragement Alliance (*Montgomery 5*)
7. **Preparing Your Home for the Romance/Dating/Sex/Courtship Issue** - Lisa Cherry / Homeschool Mom / Frontline Moms and Dads (*Montgomery 7*)

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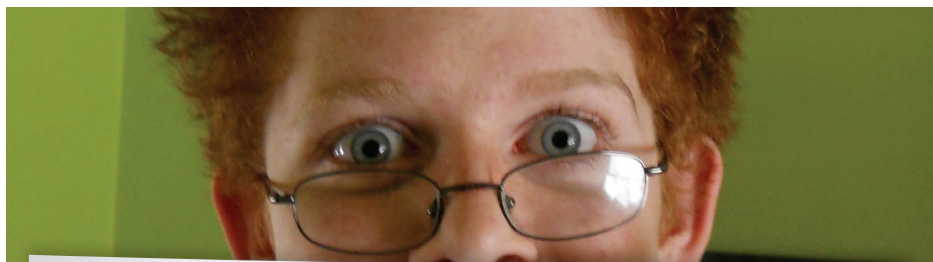
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2. **How to Homeschool and Keep Your Sanity** - Cynthia Simmons / Former Homeschool Mom of 5 (*Riverview 6*)
3. **Helping Families Memorize Scripture** - Tommy Hendricks / Homeschool Dad (*Riverview 7*)
4. **The Homeschool Mom & Working From Home** - Ann Haney / Homeschool Mom / Aaron Publishing (*Montgomery 1*)
5. **Ways to Improve the Education of Gifted Children** - Randi St.Denis / Homeschool Mom of 7 / Director, Home Educators Encouragement Alliance (*Montgomery 5*)
6. **Safeguards for Technological Savvy Children** - Lynn Sandberg, Homeschool Mom (*Montgomery 7*)

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1. **Overcoming Challenges** - Jennifer Henn / Homeschool Mom (*Riverview 6*)
2. **Home and Educational Strategies for Families with Chronically Ill Children** - Jackie Rosch, Homeschool Mom / National Tourette Syndrome Association (*Riverview 7*)
3. **The Classical Preschooler: From Wonder to Wisdom** - Lesli Richards / Homeschool Mom / The Homegrown Preschooler (*Montgomery 1*)
4. **Math tips and tricks to Help Grades 1-6** - Randi St.Denis / Homeschooling Mom of 7 / Director, Home Educators Encouragement Alliance (*Montgomery 5*)
5. **Avoiding Common Pitfalls in Homeschooling** - Lisa Cherry / Homeschool Mom / Frontline Moms and Dads (*Montgomery 7*)



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# Exhibitors

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112	ACCELERATE Dual Enrollment by Troy University	trojan.troy.edu/etroy/accelerate
110	ALERT Academy	AlertAcademy.com/iaa
101, 102, 103	Alpha Omega Publications	AOP.com
600	Ann Haney Ministries	AnnHaney.com
207	Apologetics Press	ApologeticsPress.org
510	Aquinas College	AquinasCollege.edu
601, 602, 603	BJU Press / HomeWorks by Precept	BJUPressHomeschool.com
205, 305	Characterhealth.com	CharacterHealth.com
212	Classical Conversations	ClassicalConversations.com
611	Columbus, GA Convention & Visitors Bureau	VisitColumbusGA.com
512	Coosa River Science School	CoosaRiverScienceSchool.org
107	Crown Ministries	CareerDirect-ge.org
606	Cynthia L. Simmons	CLSimmmons.com
306	Educating for Success	EducatingForSuccess.com
100	Fascinating Education	FascinatingEducation.com
113	Faulkner University	Faulkner.edu
401, 402	Frontline Moms and Dads	FrontlineMoms.com
111	Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism	GulfShores.com
502	Heaven Brought Home	HeavenBroughtHome.com
413	Highlands College	TheHighlandsCollege.com
209, 309	HomeLife Academy	HomeLifeAcademy.com
604	HSLDA	HSLDA.org
206	International Connections Academy	InternationalConnectionsAcademy.com
613	Jacksonville State University	JSU.edu
307	Jim Hodges Audio Books	JimHodgesAudioBooks.com
105	Martin Educational Enterprises	N/A
509	Mega Verses	MegaVerses.com
513	National Tourettes Association	tsa-usa.org/Education/education_main.htm

313	Personhood Alabama	PersonhoodAlabama.com
310	Piano by PC	PianobyPC.com
403	PictureThis Ministries	PictureSmartBible.com
410	Point University	Point.edu
412	RightStart Math - Activities for Learning	RightStartMath.com
312	School of Liberal Arts, Auburn University at Montgomery	liberalarts.aum.edu
210	Snider Therapy Centers	SniderTherapyCenters.com
503	Source of Light Ministries	SourceLight.org
104	Space Camp & Aviation Challenge	SpaceCamp.com
213	Sylvan Learning Center / Home School	tutoring.sylvanlearning.com/ montgomery/
108, 109	Teaching Textbooks	TeachingTextbooks.com
605	The Goins Group	LarryGoins.com
501	The Homegrown Preschooler	TheHomegrownPreschooler.com
106	Total Language Plus	TotalLanguagePlus.com
612	Tradition, Family, Property	TFP.org
409	Usborne Books & More	GreatBooksforEveryKid.com

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- 1. Exhibit hall with great exhibitors**
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- 6. Remote Control Car Obstacle Course**
- 7. Scavenger Hunt**

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- Sloppy handwriting
- Loss of place when reading
- Difficulty reading
- Short attention span
- Excessive time to complete homework
- Homework wars
- Closes or covers an eye when reading
- Trouble hitting a baseball or tennis ball
- Difficulty staying focused
- Tests better orally vs. written
- Difficulty with reading comprehension
- Fatigues quickly when reading
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## *What our attendees say...*

We went to the expo on a quest for more information, and what we learned has completely changed our lives! I've shared the information, and now three of my friends have started homeschooling their children too. God bless you!

# **Alabama Education Law Changes**

It's great to homeschool in Alabama! For over thirty years, Alabama has been a wonderful homeschooling state and since a new law passed in 2014, things are even better! SB 38, passed in March 2014, proclaims that "Nonpublic schools, including private, church, parochial, and religious schools, offering educational instruction in grades K-12, as well as home-schooled students, are not subject to licensure or regulation by the state or any political subdivision of the state, including the State Department of Education." Notice that this wording also separates home-schooled students from nonpublic schools, effectively recognizing homeschoolers as a separate entity.

As Dee Black, senior counsel for HSLDA points out, "With the enactment of Senate Bill 38 on April 2, 2014, Alabama law now expressly recognizes home instruction by someone other than a state-certified private tutor as an option for complying with the compulsory attendance requirements."

Parents who homeschool their own children are not the only ones who are interested in homeschooling. Many educators have longed for opportunities to practice their teaching arts without being encumbered by bureaucratic paperwork, whining parents and misbehaving students. These teachers see opportunities to assist homeschool families who are excited about learning. So, the doors are opening wider in Alabama and we can't wait to see how homeschooling will continue to grow in popularity both in the number of families who homeschool and in the number of businesses who provide services to facilitate and enhance homeschooling. To all the new folks out there:

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