



Finding Your NICHE

New Resource: Special-Needs Advisors

An increasing number of parents are discovering that homeschooling can serve as an excellent means to provide for their children's special-education needs.

Many resources, tools, and services are available to meet special learning challenges, and the one-on-one environment is ideal for students with learning struggles. Our new Special Needs Advisors are one resource that Homeschool Iowa is happy to offer to our current Homeschool Iowa members! The Special Needs Advisors are available to assist you with your questions about homeschooling special needs children, but they are not able to provide diagnostic advice or design IEPs.



Kim has been married for 30 years and has two children who have both graduated. Even so, Kim notes that, for a special needs mom, the learning never ends!

She has encouraged both homeschool and public school special needs moms for many years. Kim also worked as a parent partner for the AEA, going with families to IEP meetings as an advocate.

KIM'S EXPERIENCE AREAS:

- Physical Disabilities
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Cerebral Palsy
- Sensory Processing Disorder
- Auditory Processing Disorder
- ADHD
- Autism Spectrum
- Accessibility Issues
- Special Needs Adoption
- Anxiety



Laura has been married for 28 years and has seven children. Some have graduated from high school and some have graduated from college. She has normal functioning children, children with learning disabilities, and a child with specialized needs.

Laura has been a local homeschool leader and also serves as a Homeschool Iowa Regional Representative. She has experience working with the AEA and advising homeschooling parents of special needs children.

LAURA'S EXPERIENCE AREAS:

- Down Syndrome
- Dyslexia
- Dysgraphia
- Language Processing Disorder
- ADHD
- Depression/Anxiety
- Sensory Issues
- Bipolar



Amy has been married for over 25 years and is an adoptive mom to a daughter with special needs, including speech, occupational, and feeding therapy concerns..

Over ten years of experience provide her with empathy and understanding for the struggles and challenges that parents of special needs children face.

She has written for several publications and served as the leader of a Bible study for moms of children with special needs.

AMY'S EXPERIENCE AREAS:

- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Speech
- Fine Motor (Writing)
- Sensory Issues
- Learning Styles
- Love Languages
- Literal Thinkers



Adele has been married for 30 years. Her two children are in graduate and undergraduate school in California and Texas. One of her children is twice exceptional (2e) – both gifted and special needs.

Adele has been a homeschool supervising teacher, support group board leader, special needs coordinator for her local group, and worked for nine years for Homeschool Buyers Co-op. She has also presented sessions at the annual Homeschool Iowa Conference on giftedness and using games in your homeschooling.

ADELE'S EXPERIENCE AREAS:

- ADHD
- Tourette's Syndrome
- Profoundly Gifted
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Anxiety/Depression
- Dysgraphia