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2019 in Review and Looking Ahead

JOE BAILEY, PRESIDENT

“What Has Happened in Congress?” This was the cover article of a NICHE (Network of Iowa Christian Home Educators) newsletter 25 years ago. It went on to describe a series of federal legislative attacks on homeschooling that had been successfully defeated that year (1994). The most notorious one was H.R. 6, an education funding bill that could have forced teacher certification requirements on all homeschoolers. Thankfully, concerned parents flooded Congress with so many calls that it shut down the switchboard system on Capitol Hill. Overwhelmed by the response, lawmakers scrambled to amend the bill to protect home educators from federal regulations, a 180-degree switch!

Just 25 years ago homeschooling was barely legal, there weren't very many curriculum options, it was socially frowned upon, and it was difficult. But a number of brave families plowed the hard ground. Some of them stumbled into it, feeling there was no better option. Many of them caught the vision, that God calls all parents to disciple their children, and that doing so through home education is the best way to accomplish this.

Today we see the fruits of these homeschoolers' efforts. Homeschooling is no longer considered odd. National studies have demonstrated that homeschooled students perform well academically. Over 2.3 million students are homeschooled in the U.S., and we continue to see it grow nationally and internationally. Most importantly, homeschooled graduates carry forward their parent's beliefs at a much higher rate than their peers. A whole generation is now engaging the culture as welders, doctors, lawmakers, and homemakers. They are now raising their families with the same vision. As a homeschool graduate, I am thankful to be part of this multi-generational movement.

Here at Homeschool Iowa, we are excited to support the growth and advancement of home education. As the movement continues to expand, so do we. This year our board of directors assembled a 5-year strategic plan focused on strengthening our advocacy efforts, building better personal connections with and between homeschool families, and inviting businesses and individuals to join in funding the movement.

I am excited to report that we have already made progress in these areas. This year we have grown our advocacy team. This team is charged with building rapport with legislators, providing legislative updates to our members, and engaging the media to present the positive message on homeschooling. We recently purchased Voter Voice software and look forward to using it this next legislative session to provide better information to our members and connect homeschoolers with their legislators.

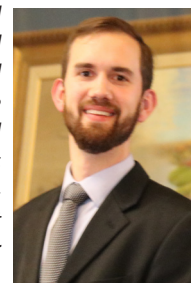
We have also increased our number of regional events. This year our regional representatives hosted

nine Homeschooling 101 events across the state. And, for the first time ever, we have hosted a autumn teen event in partnership with Generation Joshua and Americans for Prosperity.

As some of you may have noticed, we have been inviting individuals and businesses to partner with us financially to help fund the mission. The response from you all has been such a blessing. The additional funds donated this year have enabled us to add to our advocacy efforts and better thank some of our volunteers without increasing costs to hard-working homeschool families.

In short, I am extremely encouraged seeing what God is doing in the homeschool movement and how He is prospering Homeschool Iowa's work to help. If this vision excites you, I would like to invite you to get involved! There is so much yet to be done and so many ways to help. From encouraging a neighboring homeschool family, to volunteering to help with an event, to financially contributing to help fund the cause, there is a place for you to help build God's kingdom through home discipleship. Please join us!

Joe and Elizabeth Bailey have been married since 2012 and have five children. Joe was homeschooled K-12 and was involved with his local homeschool choir, volunteering for Homeschool Iowa, 4-H, First Lego League, and running his own lawn care business. Joe went on to receive his B.S. degree in Mechanical and Welding Engineering from LeTourneau University. Joe now works as a weld engineer at Vermeer Corp. is currently serving as Homeschool Iowa President. Joe & Elizabeth are both passionate about securing homeschooling freedoms for their own children and for future generations.



"My nine-year-old boy is wanting to read 'not girl' stories, so give me your best recommendations!"

"Sugar Creek Gang; Redwall; Ralph S. Mouse; The Mouse and the Motorcycle; and Runaway Ralph." - *Kistin*

"Books by Rick Riordan, Mrs. Frisby, and The Rats of NIMH series" - *Stacy*

"My son is enjoying the Wild Robot series. Another good one is The BFG. The readaloudrevival.com website has some great book lists divided by age categories." - *Meg*

"Prince Warriors series by Priscilla Shrier. Also, the Wormling series (sounds weird, but it is like a modern day American Narnia) by Jerry B. Jenkins and Chris Fabry." - *Rachael*

"My boys loved the Prince Warriors series. Also Narnia; the Hardy Boys, the Homeschool Detectives (kind of lame, but my guys enjoyed them) and Frank E. Peretti books." - *Brianne*

"The Green Ember series and Hatchet are both good" - *Amy*

"Gary Paulson books are good, and he has several! Also, Indian in the Cupboard; The Giver; and the Hank Zipser World's Greatest Underachiever series (written by Henry Winkler who is dyslexic!" - *Samantha*

"Check out the books by Haddix" - *Nicole*

"Our kids read the Sugar Creek Gang, Boxcar Children, and books by G.A. Henty. As a boy, I also liked Justin Morgan Had a Horse." - *John*

"You should take a look at the Ranger Apprentice series." - *Dianna*

"The Geronimo Stilton series and I Survived series as well as books by Gary Paulson." - *Natalie*

"Do you do magical-ish? If so, read the Septimus Heap series by Angie Sage! Also, the Kingdom Keepers series by Ridley Pearson is fantastic." - *Nicole*

"The Louie Lamour books have quite a bit of history in them. The Sackettes and Hop-a-Long Cassidy were a few of my kids' favorites."

- *Sarah*

"My 12-year-old really likes Gordan Korman books. I haven't read them, but usually my hubby reads them when my son brings them home."

- *Erin*

"We all love the Artemis Fowl series regardless of our age! And my son loved the Misty of Chincoteague series."

- *Adele*

"The Mysterious Benedict Society; Mr. Lemoncello's Library; Spy Games and Space Case by Gibbs; The Incurable Children of Ashton Place; the Wizard of Oz Books; and All the Wrong Questions by Snicketts are a few of the series my nine-year-old has enjoyed along with many of the books, already mentioned!"

- *Kathy*

"It likely goes without saying, but if he's not read Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer, now is a good time to start! Also, Signularity; House of Stairs; The Giver; Taming of the Star Runner - mostly older books so maybe not ones you've come across."

- *AJ*

"Carry on, Mr. Bowditch should be on your list."

- *Janis*

"My Side of the Mountain and its several sequels."

- *Lori*

"G.A. Henty historical fiction books and Lamplighter books - might be a bit advanced yet, but they are good. My 8-year-old son likes the How To Train Your Dragon series. That's not my taste, but he's reading!"

- *Bill*

"Treasures of comic strips! My boys like Calvin & Hobbes; Peanuts; and Garfield. The graphic novels by Ben Hatke have been a hit in our house. We also enjoy Encyclopedia Brown; Flat Stanley; The Great Mouse Detective; Homer Price; Mighty Jack, and many of the other books mentioned already."

- *Sarah*

"I recommend the Little Britches series by Ralph Moody."

- *Brenda*

"The graphic novel Amulet series by Kazu Kibuishi. I can't recommend this enough!"

- *Catherine*

"The Animal Ark books" - *Anne*



Beyond Capitol Day: Relationships Matter

BY LAURA CARLSON, HOMESCHOOL IOWA ADVOCACY TEAM



Merriam Webster dictionary defines a relationship as “The state of affairs existing between those having dealings.” Synonyms for relationships might be the “association” or “connection between people.”

Homeschool Iowa’s focus on relationships doesn’t limit our community to other homeschool supporters. Homeschool families walk a less-traveled road and often enjoy connections with like-minded families. These are easy relationships, comparing and sharing ideas, encouragements, and curriculums.

Do you have a relationship with your state senator or representative? Have you dropped a card in the mail this year encouraging your state senator regarding the upcoming legislative schedule? Perhaps send a colorful postcard sharing an appreciation for their support of homeschool laws?

Creating a relationship of trust with the man or woman making laws you live under begins with a foundation. A note explaining your family’s use of Iowa’s varied homeschooling laws, sharing a brief example of a child’s success creates a connection with elected officials who may or may not support Iowa’s homeschooling laws. These notes sent serve as the building blocks for a relationship that may be vital to maintaining Iowa’s homeschool freedoms.

You know how you meet someone, exchange a few pleasantries, and then don’t cross paths for a year? That isn’t someone you would rely upon to come jump-start your vehicle in subzero January. In order to ask that favor of a person, grow that relationship, you must communicate during the year.

I cherish our homeschooling rights in Iowa. As I’ve created legislative relationships, based upon mutual respect, my elected officials reach out to me to learn more. I’ve been asked to testify in education committees at the Iowa Statehouse. I have been asked my opinion about a proposed bill the representative is considering because, as a homeschool parent, they consider me an “expert.” It was a privilege to share our family’s journey with the ones who make our laws. All possible because God prompted me to build a connection with my representative.

Relationships weave the fabric required to communicate effectively. If the only times I contacted elected officials was to complain, our relationships would be strained. “Oh, no. It’s her again,” might be the response to my name. I don’t want that in a working relationship with the men and women who literally vote for the right to homeschool. I want to serve God by being a positive person sharing the Bible’s instructions to parents with legislators.

I hope you encourage your elected servants, perhaps finding common ground asking questions about the representative’s job or about their grandchildren. Curiosity is a trait homeschool parents possess. Use this trait and learn more about your legislators to build those relationships.

The dividends of your time pay off when a legislator, who thought he/she wanted to reduce homeschool rights, has met a real homeschool family. Your family will have educated and encouraged a legislator with personal homeschool educational



stories. He/she now knows of homeschooling success. You've been polite and respectful throughout the year. You included a photo of the kids doing an experiment or maybe a few paragraphs from an essay about civics. Perhaps the legislator has been asked to co-sponsor a bill that decreases parent's rights, but your relationship with him/her causes them to pause and remember your family. Home-

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schoolers impact our world with real results. Children enter college, start businesses. Your relationship could literally be the difference in laws that restricts homeschooling being introduced. That legislator may share your information with others and cause others to think twice, to soften their stance on homeschool rights in Iowa. Relationships take time, and these legislative connections often take several years to build.

What is the current state of your legislative relationships? Do you know their names? Have you communicated with your state senator or representative this year? If not, start now. Send an encouraging note thanking them for spending 100 days working in Des Moines on our behalf. Share the book list your children will read during the school year.

Build that foundation; create those relationships. In the New King James Bible, Ecclesiastes 11:6 reminds us, “In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand; for you do not know which will prosper, either this or that, or whether both alike will be good.”

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Mentoring: The Next Frontier

BY ELIZABETH BAILEY



It's been a long time coming. For years you've done your duty teaching, training, and loving your own children. Now you're coming to the close of your work. Perhaps you're about to graduate your youngest child or maybe you've been done with homeschooling for years.

Please hear my humble plea. Your job is not finished yet.

As a 30-year-old mom of five young children, I can tell you that experienced homeschool mothers have been my greatest relational resource. Although I was homeschooled, I still have questions about how to homeschool my own children well. Every generation needs to navigate the same questions of: "Why are we doing this?" "How do I do this?" and "Who took my scissors?" Questions like these only confirm my belief that **a new generation of homeschooling moms needs mentors.**

In the book of Titus, Chapter 2, older women are instructed in proper conduct as mentors. They should be reverent in behavior, shouldn't be an old gossip, and shouldn't be enslaved to wine. They are then told to teach the younger women to love their

husbands, love their children, be sensible, pure, homemakers, kind, subject to their husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

Do you fit this bill? If so, your example, wisdom, and experience is a crucial part of training younger women to faithfully do their work. **You've been promoted to Mentor.**

Some of you are Homeschooling Pioneers. You didn't have an older woman to show you the ropes. You had to make your own rope, hitch it to your wagon, and head West! Maybe you did have older women mentors in your life, but some of them discouraged you and questioned your harebrained idea to homeschool your children. Your own mother may have thought you mad!

If you didn't have older women helping you in your homeschooling journey, imagine with me what it could have looked like to have someone like that: Someone to tell you that this homeschooling thing was going to work. Someone to tell you that the teenage years were not something to dread. Someone to tell you that mistakes will be made, but God's hand is not too short to save. Someone to tell you that the choice you made to obey God's call on your life was going to change the world.

Pioneer, if this is you, then you have been given a great gift: The Gift of Lack. Because you have keenly felt firsthand the lack of mentorship in your past work, you are better equipped to see the needs of the younger moms around you and equip them for their present work. You can be the mentor you never had. May the vision that compelled you to blaze the trail of homeschooling now be used as vision to see and bless the upcoming generation.

Some of you started homeschooling after the Pioneers. The trail had been blazed, and you were trying to live in the unpopulated plains, and still felt awkward taking your children to the grocery store during public school hours. The four-inch-thick Rainbow Resource Catalog (which doubled as a booster seat) was loaded with tools to teach your children, but it was all new territory for you. You knew pioneers, or had at least heard of them, so your journey wasn't altogether without mentors. Homeschool support groups and peer friendships equipped

you for your task, as iron sharpens iron.

If this is you, take a good look in the mirror. By the grace of God, your years of faithful work and experience in the homeschooling community have shod your feet with strength and a confidence in the God who led you to this place. **You too have something to pass on to younger women: *The Gift of Experience in Community*.** You can tell them not to worry if their 5-year-old isn't reading well yet. You can tell them that the curriculum doesn't matter as much as the character formation, so don't sweat it. You can tell them that the work they are doing is possible—yes, even through high school! You can tell them that their choice to obey God's calling on their life is going to change the world.

Now, here we are. The trail has been blazed, the country settled. And now there is a new generation of homeschooling parents coming to settle in this now-chartered territory.

These new homeschooling parents come from all kinds of backgrounds and homeschool for all sorts of reasons, but the need for mentorship is the same for every generation. Older Moms, we need you.

It's easy to look at fresh moms who are thinking about buying \$1,000 in kindergarten curriculum, and throw up your hands, and say, "They are beyond hope!"

But hearken back to the beginning of your journey... How many of you set up a school room in your basement, complete with the alphabet border, American flag, seasonal themed billboard, and single-seat desks in an attempt to imitate school-at-home, only to later learn that homeschooling is a lifestyle of loving learning, not a classroom environment?

You can laugh about it now, but it was a serious matter for you then. There is nothing wrong with setting up a classroom in your home, but some of you were trying to legitimize your decision to homeschool (to yourself or to other family members) by overhauling your spare room into a technicolor-map-plastered learning center. You had to learn how this homeschooling thing worked for you and your family. And wouldn't it have been nice if you'd thought that through and learned this truth before you purchased all those desks?

Every generation needs to work through the same questions of how and why to homeschool, but every generation does not need to do it alone.

Older Moms, we need you to come alongside us and ask us questions to help us think through how to homeschool our children in such a way that we are loving them, loving our husbands, keeping our homes well, and looking to King Jesus for approval. Remember that what might seem like an easy question to you is a serious question, nonetheless, and needs to be met with listening ears and answered with grace and kindness.

If younger homeschooling mothers are not already reaching out to you as a mentor in their life, then I encourage you to try reaching out first. Though it might seem like some new homeschoolers don't care about having a mentor, that is generally not the case. Take a look at the number of questions asked on social media by new homeschooling mothers! We are desperate for mentors, but some women just don't know who to ask.

Invite these young mothers into your lives and offer yourself as a resource of advice and encouragement. I personally have had

several older women do this for me, and my life is richer for it!

As you approach younger women, remember the challenges that different seasons of life present. Try to adapt so that you can best serve and connect with these moms. Is it easier to invite her to your home and let her kids play while you talk? Could you come to her home during naptime? Would it help to have her meet you at a coffee shop when the kids are back home with Dad? See what the needs are and reach out to help. Sometimes people need to know you care before they will let you share.

If you're a younger mom who is reading this and shouting an emphatic, "Yes!" (or perhaps are still offended at me for poking at your at-home classroom), I have


a message for you too. Veteran homeschooling moms aren't sitting around twiddling their thumbs with nothing on their schedules. Many of them are entering a new stage of caring for aging parents, investing in grandchildren, or working in other ways. We need to respect their advice, their schedules, and their season of life.

As new homeschooling mothers, we need to have the humility to ask for help, to listen to the advice that is offered, and to not be offended when the advice that is given isn't what we wanted. Sure, just because someone has experience in homeschooling doesn't mean they have all the right answers. Every family is different. New resources are added every day. But maybe those mentoring moms do have the right answer. Maybe you shouldn't buy that \$1,000 kindergarten curriculum. Listen, ask questions, pray for wisdom, and apply what you've learned in a way that will bless your family.

If you're wondering who to ask, look for who you want to emulate. Don't ask the women who are constantly complaining about their work, who make excuses for laziness, or who have given into the trap of self-pity. Look for the women who are doing it well: loving their husbands, loving their children, working joyfully, who have hope and can laugh at the future, and who can laugh at themselves as well.


Older Women, I'm so thankful for your past work, and pray that you'll continue that good work as you teach the younger women! Young Homeschooling Moms, press on with the good work you've begun, and remember that: "Where there is no guidance, the people fall, but in abundance of counselors, there is victory." (Proverbs 11:14, NASB) Whatever stage of the homeschool journey you're in, may we encourage one another to continue always onwards, always upwards.

Elizabeth Bailey has been married to Joe since 2012 and they have five children. As a second generation homeschool Mom, Elizabeth is passionate about teaching her children at home and encouraging other homeschool moms around the state.



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Do Something!

BY BRAD DITTMER

Family devotions. WHAT do we do? WHEN do we do it? HOW do we do it? These are questions we may ask, sometimes we have thoughts and ideas with answers, and sometimes we have NO idea.

Life is never dull for our family. My wife and I have been married for 26 years and have ten kids ranging in age from 3 to 24. We have multiple businesses, have homeschooled since our oldest was ready to start learning, and have worked in ministry for over 15 years, serving as lead pastor in our small church for the past nine years. Because I am a pastor, you might assume that our family, though busy, has daily family devotions. You would be incorrect.

We are a family that sometimes does great with family devotions or, as we call it, "Family Time." We consistently do 4-6 days a week. We read scripture; we pray, all the way from the youngest to Mom, then Dad. Every. Single. Person. Sometimes it takes a while. We will also go through our calendar for the day and look ahead to days depending on what is coming up. During these seasons, our family functions well. We have more unity, more connection.

However, there are also weeks, sometimes many weeks, that we do not have Family Time at all. Can I just say, my family does not operate as well in those dry periods. It is noticeable and something that we cannot allow to go too long. It was during one of these dry seasons that the Lord taught me that if I'm feeling overwhelmed and like we cannot accomplish everything we have committed to, it is not because God gave us all of those things to do. Rather, it is because we have added too much to our own lives, more than God expects or even wants us to do. One of the greatest threats to our relationships with our family, friends, and God himself is busyness. It is possible to overcommit, even to good things, which is why it is important to prayerfully consider adding anything to our personal or family schedules. When our family starts to consistently miss Family Time, my wife and I know that it is time to re-evaluate our family's commitments and make some adjustments.

So how should YOU do family devotions? You can do devotions with your family daily, weekly, or a few times a week. You can do devotions with your children individually or with the whole family. You can do devotions in the morning, at lunch time, after supper, at bedtime, or in the car between activities. You can read books or magazine articles and listen to podcasts that tell you exactly how to do devotions with your family. You can follow a plan or simply follow the Lord's nudging as you go day by day.

Basically, there is no wrong way to do family devotions as long as you remember one simple thing: Just DO SOMETHING.

You are not the author of that book you read. You are not exactly like or in the same situation as that person on the radio or podcast. You are unique, your family is unique, and your circumstances are all going to be a little or a lot different than others. As you learn and/or get ideas from other people, allow yourself the freedom to do what is best for your family, your unique family.

A fantastic way to begin is to sit down together, limit the kids freedom to move around, put all of the phones away, and pick the Proverb of the day, read it, and ask the question: "What part of this Proverb do you remember," and "What did you find important to you?" After reading the Proverb of the day and having some discussion about it, pray together. Whether that is one person praying or allowing everyone to pray, just pray.

Another easy way to get started is to pick up a daily or weekly devotional book from your local Christian bookstore and to use it as a guide for your family devotion time. You can even find resources online that will give you an outline to follow and get started. Remember that it is not necessary for you to be a Bible scholar to lead your family in devotions. You simply need to have a desire to learn more about God. Pick a scripture, read it with your family, and take time to pray together. Start simple. Set easy-to-reach goals. And once you have mastered those, you can add more. If a commitment to daily family devotions feels overwhelming, commit to once a week, and build from there. Just DO SOMETHING!

I wish I could say that we are the perfect example of how to do family devotions, but we aren't. Maybe your family is. If that is so, cherish that consistency and do not take it for granted. Remember that one too many extra commitments can derail your schedule. You must guard against that busyness. For the rest of us, don't give up. Remember the only people that fail are the ones that do not get back up after they have fallen. Taking time to have family devotions will make your family stronger and draw you closer to God. It's worth the effort, so make a plan and just DO SOMETHING.

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*Need some ideas for Family Time?
Here are a few to get you started!*

Proverb of the Day:

The book of Proverbs is 31 chapters. The longest months have 31 days. Whatever day of the month it is, read that chapter. If it is the 14th of the month, read Chapter 14. The book of Proverbs is a very important book for all of us to gain wisdom from and a great place to gain much insight into God's standards and wisdom.

Bible Character/Topic Study:

Another idea could be picking a person in the Bible to read about. Look for the places in Scripture they are mentioned that are beyond their main storyline. Do some searching with a concordance or online Bible for their name in every book of the Bible. The same concept can be done by picking a topic to study, such as forgiveness or thankfulness. You could always pick a book of the Bible to read through and stop to have discussions when someone has a thought.

Study the Tabernacle:

Have you ever done an in-depth study of the Tabernacle the Israelites built in the wilderness? There are so many lessons that can be taught from the process of building the tabernacle and the guidelines the priests followed in the service of the tabernacle and in offering sacrifices, through to the symbolism of the tabernacle and how it ties into the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross. Bonus - your family could build a model of the tabernacle to compliment your study!

Use a published Bible study to inspire and guide your family:

Check out your local Christian bookstore or online bookstore and look at the myriad of possible Bible studies to base your Family Time on. You will find daily and weekly studies that you can use. Additionally many of the exhibitors at the annual Homeschool Iowa Conference in June will have Bible study resources available.

Final Thought:

An important part of Family Time is making sure that it is not just one person teaching or talking. Make sure to include as many members as possible, and keep the comments positive and encouraging.

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a
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2 Timothy 2:15



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Helping Your Kids Find a Career that Fits!

BY RICK COWMAN

Perhaps the most important decision we will ever make in life – next to following Christ and choosing a life partner – is our choice of a career. And as parents, we can feel ill-equipped to help our kids in discovering a career that is a fit for them.

Let me begin with a foundational truth. Our kids need to understand that when God created them, He placed within them certain natural abilities and a leaning to do certain things, do them well, and enjoy doing them! Each of our kids are shaped uniquely, and this shape is intended to direct them toward certain areas of work and ministry, both to serve Him and to provide for their families. God has placed tools in our sons' or daughters' tool box, and these tools work together to determine the career they should choose – specifically the type of work they should be doing and the kind of environment in which they will thrive. It's critical we reinforce this truth to our kids and help them discover a career which fits how God has already bent them.

As our kids begin the process of discovering what career to choose, it is helpful to have them honestly answer some basic questions regarding how they see themselves. It is also important for us to share what tendencies we see in them! Let me explain.

People rarely succeed in business or work unless they enjoy doing it! God has placed within our sons and daughters the natural ability to do some things well! This is sometimes referred to as aptitude. Some of our kids are naturally good with mechanical things, some are good with computers, some with numbers, some with words, and some with drawing or designing. Skills still need to be developed, but these areas of natural ability come easily and bring enjoyment. Ask them, "What can you do with little effort?" "What have you done that you really enjoy?" "What activities energizes you?"

Another thing to consider is the unique personality of our sons

or daughters. You could call it their own personal style, how they are wired. It relates to the way they think and how they react to different situations. This is important as it relates to the type of work environment that fits them. Ask them, "In what surroundings do you feel most comfortable?" "Are you an outgoing person or prefer being alone?" "Do you enjoy working with people or with things?" "Do you thrive with variety or do you prefer routine?" "Are you an outdoors person or would you rather be sitting behind a desk?" You see, their personality defines the God, designed way they are to plug into work and ministry! We must help our kids answer the question, "What is the real me really like?" If we have been paying attention as parents, we likely have an idea, but they need to recognize it themselves.

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So how do we do that? How can we help our kids answer these questions and discover a career that truly fits the way God put them together? By providing opportunities to be exposed to a variety of activities and vocations, enabling them to experience and try new things. They will never discover what they love – or hate – to do if they never try anything! This might involve experimenting with hobbies, going on field trips to different workplaces

or spending the day with someone whose work interests them. When they find something that piques their interest, encourage them to pursue a job in that area. A small business would be the best venue to pursue something part-time. Even if they have to sweep the floor, they will be exposed to the work being done. If they discover it's not what they want to do, nothing's lost! They just mark it down as "not for me" and continue the search!

Something important to note at this point is that some careers offer a wide variety of options. For example, a career in the welding trade has at least a half dozen tracks. There is manufacturing, fabrication, pipeline, boilermaker, construction, maintenance, and others. Each of these tracks involve different skill sets as well as very diverse work environments. If your sons or daughters finds themselves in a rut in one lane of a career path, they may just need

to change lanes and go another direction within that same career!

Now permit me to meddle a little bit. As parents, we want our kids to know that God loves them and has a wonderful plan for their lives; right? But does it seem to them that everybody else has a plan for them? We must be careful not to project our desires for their vocation (perhaps because it's our vocation) and help them learn to follow God's desires for their future. Very few things in life cause more stress than trying to be somebody you are NOT! So it's important that we encourage our kids to be themselves so they can come to a place in their lives where they can say with certainty, "That's ME! This is how God made me! This is what I was created to do!"

Something my wife and I have tried to do is feed whatever interest our kids express by giving them the tools and opportunities required to explore that passion!

A little more meddling. Do you have the mindset that a higher education degree is critical for your sons or daughters to have a successful career? Please rethink this. Obviously, there are some career paths which require this, such as engineering, medical, law, etc., but there are many career options which can be achieved via apprenticeship training (earning while you learn) or other trades training programs. Too often the skilled trades are overlooked as an option – perhaps because this is not our background or because we have believed the lie that a college education is required for success in life. This lie has been pushed in the public school system for more than a half century. And buying into this for decades – along with the removal of shop classes – has created a massive gap in the skilled trade workforce in our country. For example, it is estimated in the next 10 years there will be a shortage of over 400,000 welders to fill the need in that craft. And it's a similar situation for other skilled trades.

Let me close with a personal story. In 1967, I was a freshman in high school and an FFA (Future Farmers of America) member. Part of that membership involved a vocational agriculture shop class, which included welding. We didn't have a welder at home and my dad didn't have those skills, so this was my first exposure to welding. This one semester in high school shop class where I was introduced to welding, and this is what sparked (pun intended) my interest in the craft. I am so thankful my small rural town high school had a shop class and that I took advantage of the opportunity to be in FFA, because here I am, 52 years later with 48 years in the welding trade! And for the past 25 years I've owned and operated my own company, traveling all over this great country providing on-site welding training teaching others the skills and knowledge I've learned through a lifetime in my career. Most importantly, I am passionate about promoting my craft to others — especially to young people who, like me so many years ago, are looking for their niche in life! What's my point? You never know what experience will be a defining event that God will use to direct your sons or daughters in their journey toward a career!

One final word. The path to your sons' or daughters' discovery of the career path God has shaped them for is a process, a continuing journey, not a specific destination. Let's be diligent to encourage them in the process!

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The Principles of Parenting

BY KIM STILWELL

As I look back over 27 years of parenting, I believe there are three main keys that are helpful. Nearly every important part of parenting falls under one of these categories. There are no magic formulas (how I wish there were sometimes), but following these three principles is a huge step in the right direction.

Point Them to Christ

In everything we say and do, we should point our children to Christ. Our lives to be so focused on this that it becomes as natural as breathing. These kind of statements should be scattered throughout our conversations with our children.

"This morning when I was reading Scripture the Holy Spirit reminded me of the neatest thing"

"Isn't that sunset beautiful! I love God's creativity."

"I'm so glad that God decided you should be part of our family."

"Mommy is trying to be like Mary and sit at the feet of Jesus by having my Bible reading and prayer time instead of always rushing around like Martha to get everything done."

We also point our children to Christ when we give them loving correction. When there are consequences for their sinful behavior, we are teaching them to be more Christ-like. When we discipline in love and patience instead of anger, we are pointing them to Christ. When we correct by saying phrases like, "You do not honor God and you do not honor me when you speak to me in that tone," instead of getting angry or arguing back or making their disrespect about us, we are showing them the reason for their ungodly behavior.

We also point our children to Christ by making God's Word important. Do you take your children to church on a regular basis? Do they see you reading the Bible and praying? Do you encourage them to do these things? Do you incorporate teaching God's Word into your routine? (In our family, we required Bible reading and Scripture memory. It was part of our school day. At some point they all reached the place where they took ownership of their own time and God's Word.) Do you share the gospel with them on a regular basis (while not pushing them to make a salvation decision that is not genuine just to please us)?

Another way we point our children to Christ is by how we treat others. Do you reach out to others and encourage your children to do the same? Do your children see you come alongside the hurting? On the rare occasions you must speak negatively about someone to your children, do you do it with compassion and grace or do you "bash" the person to bits? Do you treat your family with the same kindness and respect that you treat those outside your family? (No one is as quick to spot hypocrisy as your tweens and teens.)

Pray for Them

The longer I am a parent, the more I realize how important it is to pray for our children. No matter how busy we are, we can silently pray and ask God for His wisdom and help concerning our children. We can pause a few seconds in the heat of a difficult moment and ask for wisdom and grace. We can also ask His help for ongoing, pressing issues concerning a particular child. Now that my kids are older, I have more time of concentrated prayer for them (and others), and it has been such a blessing to me to be able to pray extensively for them.

Praying helps us realize our dependence on God in our parenting. I'm at a stage in life where my children make most of their own decisions. Jeff and I are here to support, guide, pray, and give advice, but unless we think they are making a sinful decision, one in which we would lovingly confront other brothers and sisters in

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Our children thrive when we spend time with them.”*

Christ, we allow them to make their own decisions, which includes allowing them to make their own mistakes. Nothing brings me to my knees, both literally and figuratively, than the fact that I no longer am in control of my kids' minor or major decisions. Even when our children are small, we do not have complete control. There can be health issues, learning disabilities, character struggles, and so much more. While we do all we can to help them to be healthy, to learn to the best of their abilities, and lovingly give consequences for sinful behavior, we still do not have complete control. We must rely on the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. We must go to God in prayer over both our very minor and very deep concerns for our children. To not pray for our children is doing both them and us a great disservice.

We should also pray with our children as we go through our day. If you hear that someone in your church is ill, you can stop and pray with your children about that. If you are butting heads with one child in particular on a given day, stop and pray about it together. My daughter-in-law prayed with her one-year-old that their basement would not flood during a heavy rain, as it had a history of doing. (God chose to say “yes” to that prayer, and it didn't flood.) In fact, Alissa prays with little Kate on a regular basis about both big and little things. Kate will always remember having a Mom who thought prayer was important.

From the time your children are old enough to articulate their thoughts until well into their adulthood, ask your children how you can pray for them. You may be surprised at their responses. Perhaps you have not known how to pray for what is most near and dear to their hearts. By asking them this question, not only will you be able pray more specifically for them, but you will get to know them better.

Build a Relationship with Them

I know I have said this in previous articles, but it can't be emphasized enough. Children spell love “T-I-M-E.” Our children thrive when we spend time with them. Having them “help” us with housework, even before they are truly helpful, shows them that they are more important to us than getting our work done perfectly and quickly. Sitting down and playing a game with the children in the evening, when we'd rather be relaxing on Facebook or reading, shows them that we love them more than our personal entertainment. Reading to them, even when we have to fight sleep while doing so, lets them know that we care for them dearly. They may not be able to articulate any of this, but their little hearts know when we love them enough to sacrifice and spend time with them. On the flip side, they also know when our electronics, hobbies, perfection in housekeeping, and other earthly things are more important to us, at least on the practical level, than they are.

Rather than spending a lot of money on your children and buying them expensive toys and video games, spend your time and money having quality and quantity time, adventures, and experiences with them. Minister together with them by serving others. Laugh together. As I already mentioned, pray together. As your kids get older, have long talks around the table about everything from what happened in your day, to theology, to your opinion on a movie you watched, to politics. At these times, listen and talk, give your own input, but try to avoid lecturing. If your children, especially older children, teens

and young adults feel they will be lectured or “taught” every time they open their mouths about something, they will clam up.

Part of building a loving relationship with our children is to give consequences for sinful behavior. Being an involved parent doesn't always mean being a fun parent. In fact, there are many times we should not be fun parents. As I have said in other articles, a simple statement of the sin committed and how it is dishonoring to God and to us as their parents is usually far more effective than a long lecture. There should nearly always be consequences for disobedience and sin. Occasionally there will be an extra sensitive child whose behavior is changed by a stern glance or a few words, but most children need consequences that will be remembered and deter them from doing this behavior later. Some day your children will be grateful that you helped instill self-control and obedience into them.

Don't ever be too proud to ask your children's forgiveness when you sin against them. If you speak harshly, if you discipline them in anger, if you break their confidence, you should ask their forgiveness and be very specific about your sin against them. From my personal experience (though, of course, there are exceptions), one of the biggest reasons teens and young adults become bitter is when the parents are too proud to admit that they are wrong sometimes.

Some of our children are more prickly than others. It is harder to have a close relationship with them because they are born questioning everything. They also seem to realize much earlier than our other children that Mom is not perfect. These children need a relationship with us as much as children who are easy to get along with. It is harder but, by God's grace, we can still build this relationship. While we still need to give correction when needed, it is important to let them know how much we love them. We need to smile at them when they enter a room. We need to listen when they need to talk, even if we disagree (though they should never be allowed to be disrespectful). We can and should give correction. We should admonish. We should be consistent. But ultimately, we cannot control their attitudes and behavior, but we can control our own. We can respond in love and grace, even if they are pushing every single button we have and we feel very unloving at the moment. Just to give you some encouragement, I am now very close to the child that I butted heads with for years.

Some Final Thoughts

Parenting is not for the faint of heart. Each of our children are unique. They each come with their own strengths and weaknesses. We might think we have this parenting thing figured out when God sends us another child who is nothing like the rest or a new situation might arise that we have never dealt with before. But with every child and in every circumstance, we can point our children to Christ, pray for them, and build a relationship with them.

As I ponder the last 27 years, my main emotion is gratitude. I am grateful that God gave me these five precious children. (This has now extended to a daughter-in-law and granddaughter.) I am blessed to have been able to homeschool them. I am thankful for the relationship I have with each of them. And most of all, I am so thankful that, as of now, they all love and serve the Lord. I know this is only by the grace of God, and I do not take it for granted.



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Finding Good Mentors

BY JOHN DESAULNIERS

"...of course, parents are not the only ones raising their children. They are being raised also by their schools and by their friends and by the parents of their friends. Some of this outside raising is good, some is not. It is, anyhow, unavoidable."

(Wendell Berry, "Family Work" The Gift of the Good Land, 1981)

I came across this quote the other day and thought it profoundly appropriate for an article on mentoring. This quote was in a larger piece by another writer whom I appreciate, but it captured my attention because it was Wendell Berry. Not that I'm particularly familiar with Berry or a fan of his, at least not yet.

Several months ago I was on the East Coast visiting my aging father. The house he and my stepmother shared for years was being sold, and the tangibles of furniture, framed art, and so on that would not follow my now-widowed father to the nursing home were being dispensed to family, friends, and charities. This specific visit was for me to go through his library and select the books I wanted to ship back to add to mine. Among the wide range of books I browsed was one of selected poems of Wendell Berry. Because my dad liked him, I wanted to read him to better know my dad.

It's informal, but what occurred in that small experience was just that which we are discussing: mentoring. In this case, it was my father who mentored me, introducing Wendell Berry to me by passive example so that when a poignant quote was put in front of me I would be more attuned to the author's name. In most cases, however, mentoring, by historic context, is not done by parents but by others. Mentor was a character in Homer's writings. And when Odysseus went on his decades-long journey, it was his trusted friend named Mentor who raised and trained Odysseus's son.

Mentoring will happen to our children no matter what. As Berry said, some will be good, some will not be good, but it is unavoidable. But when we are intentional as parents, we can minimize the not good and maximize the good.

I started thinking back through my life to consider who my men-

tors were. I have to admit that I can't think of one that my father intentionally set in front of me to learn from, though he strongly encouraged reading. And there are authors that I notice as ones he would recommend and the occasional ones he would specifically not recommend. I suppose books have been the mentors my father pointed me to. And those who know me would not be in the least surprised.

But I can't say I've had any formal mentors except for two. One summer, when I worked for friends who owned an auto parts store, the father and grandfather who owned it took me under their wings. While the formal aspects lasted only for a summer, I am still grateful – even more grateful now – for the time, money, and energy they invested in me. The other was the older brother of a college classmate of mine when I pastored my first church. He, too, was a pastor nearby. And he made it his kind and encouraging business to check up on me and give me both counsel and opportunities under the guidance of a more seasoned minister. My first pastorate was not easy, but he eased the challenges that face any first-time pastor by being to me what he was to my classmate – a big brother.

I thought then of who I might have given to my children as mentors or whom they might have chosen. I think the first that each of my four children would identify would be their piano teacher. She was (and is) exceptional, as far as we are concerned, in her ability to relate to children without pandering to them. Each of our children have become very proficient: all participated in the Bill Riley State Fair Competition, all have performed for events, and three are actively involved in their respective churches' music ministries.

But what their teacher taught them was more than that. It was a love and appreciation for music in its fullness. Her passion transferred to each of them in different ways, but I still see her "fingerprints," especially when my children are together and discussing music. I have always loved music and shared that love with my children, but their piano teacher infused something more.

A second mentor I can think of was my younger son's basketball coach, who not only mentored him but all the young men in the



program, including my older son who handled the books, ran the game clock, and eventually, with his brother, coached the elementary team of the program. But this man, while teaching basketball fundamentals and skills, also lived out his Christian faith, not only as it related to the sport, but also to his family, the parents and spectators of the games, and the other teams. Being a Christian was who he was; coaching basketball was what he did.

Mentors are unavoidable, especially the informal kind. Berry did not include media in his list, like television and music. When he wrote his essay in 1981, the existence of the internet was still more than a decade away, let alone the social media platforms that are ubiquitous for this generation. But all of those channels will be conduits of informal mentors. Or you can help choose better ones.

The first place to start is your parents, if possible. Grandparents are some of the most wonderful mentors because they have learned from their own mistakes, the mistakes they made with you! It can be easy to say to ourselves, "But our parents didn't do that right," but we fail to give them the credit of learning and growing. It is exactly because they didn't get everything right with their own children that they can keep the next generation from continuing down that hazardous trail. Your siblings can also be good adult role models and mentors if they are kindred spirits.

Second, look for good adults who can come alongside your children in your church. In the case of the piano teacher and coach, neither went to church with us, but both are Christians. But your church offers to you a great opportunity to connect your children with older believers who can supplement and complement your parenting. And the reality is there are some things that others can say that children just don't quite hear as well from Mom and Dad, especially as the children get older.

Beyond the church are, of course, other parents in your homeschool group, specialized instructors, like music teachers or athletic coaches. But work hard to ensure they share the same values as you do. When you enlist the help of others in mentoring, you are not only infusing your children with positive perspectives, you are working to keep negative elements out. You want to be as certain as you can be that the input from you and them, especially in matters important to your family, are aligned.

In the essay I quoted earlier, Wendell Berry writes, "...parenthood is not an exact science, but a vexed privilege, and a blessed trial, absolutely necessary and not altogether possible." It is because of this very tension that good parenting allows for good mentoring as well. It's not that "it takes a village," but it takes focused parents who solicit like-minded adults to come alongside them in the journey.

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Creative Kids' Corner

We want to feature YOU!

All homeschooled students, ages 18 and younger, are encouraged to submit for consideration original stories & poems, pictures of LEGO creations or other crafts, original drawings, photographs and MORE to: editor@homeschooliowa.org.

Please include your age and city/county with your submission. Any student with an item selected to be published in the *Homeschool Iowa Magazine* will be contacted via email prior to publication.



It's Time for a Heart Check!

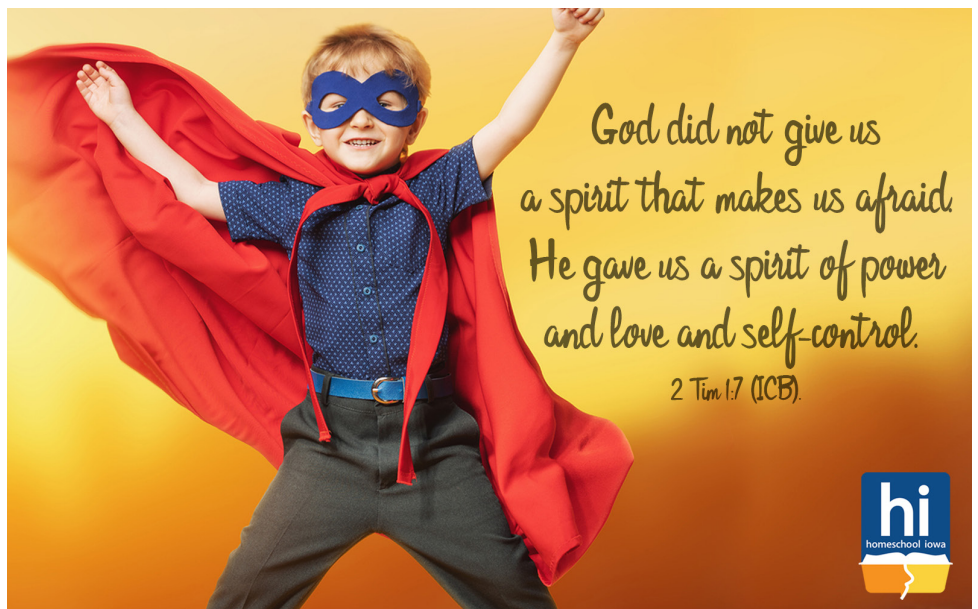
A QUIZ BY EMILY CHIA (11) AND CHANTAE WARREN (12)

God wants us to have good relationships with our friends and family. Are you on the right path for being a good friend? Take the quiz and find out!

- | | True | False |
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| When you think of fun, you imagine playing with your siblings. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| At church you see a new kid standing alone, so you go talk to them and help them feel like they fit in. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| You are excited when you get invited to spend time with your friends. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Your grandma asks you to pray for her, so you make yourself a reminder note and pray often. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| You quickly obey when your parents tell you to clean your room. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| A new family moves into your neighborhood. You go introduce yourself to them and invite the kids over to your house for cookies. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Your friend asked you to call at 7p.m., so you make sure to get all your chores done early so that you can call. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| You are quick to smile at others when you are in public. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

What does it mean? If you answered mostly true, then you are honoring the Lord in your relationships. Keep putting others before yourself. If you answered mostly false, don't panic! There is a lot to learn about being a good friend. Ask you parents to help you pray about the areas you need to improve in, and look for opportunities to care about others.

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.
Proverbs 18:24 (NIV)



God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid. He gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control.
2 Tim 1:7 (ICB).



CREATIVE KIDS' CORNER

Art Challenge!



**Design a Logo for our
2020 Homeschool Iowa Conference
Children's Program
or color/create a picture
to represent the theme: Valor!**

Our 2020 Homeschool Iowa Conference Children's Program will explore the life of soldiers and nurses during a great war and how trial and tribulation are meant to draw us close to God. This theme will be presented in a child-friendly way through drama, with additional instruction, games, and activities presented throughout the entire 2020 Homeschool Iowa Children's Program.

**Email your submissions to
editor@homeschooliowa.org!**

Our team will pick a few of the submitted pictures to showcase in the next issue of the magazine!

*Check out the Homeschool Iowa Blog
anytime after December 30th for
pictures to color!*



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A woman with her hair in a bun, seen in profile from the side, looking out a window. She is holding a dark-colored coffee cup with both hands. The background is a bright, out-of-focus view of a landscape, possibly a field or park, with trees and a clear sky. The lighting is soft, suggesting a morning or late afternoon setting.

Hello, Tired Mom!

BY HANNAH KRATZER

You are now well into the school year, the new books are looking tired and that 5th cup of coffee no longer makes a dent on your exhaustion. The sweet angels that you love and are dedicated to teaching are missing their halos and tired of your carefully planned schedule. Determined to go on strong and motivate yourselves and your children, you hunt down the next great book, research new activities, reconfigure the schedule so it works more effectively. Day after day, you responsibly have a quiet time, basking in the knowledge that all answers are in God's Word. As you find the perfect verses to memorize and apply, you understand the fact that you are using all the right tools to raise your children. These are all good things, but why at times do you feel as if you are going in circles?

Why the feeling of striving without result? Friends, it is because you and I are striving. Merriam Webster defines striving as 'to devote serious effort or energy, endeavor'. Our striving often gets in the way of us following the prompting of our loving Father. God does not say, 'Come to me, all you who are trying hard enough'. NO! He lovingly reaches out His hand, saying, 'Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:28) Jesus then goes further to tell us to take up His yoke. A yoke is a partnership, a pulling together. Our loving Father doesn't delight in our floundering, He is waiting for us to walk in step with Him. Striving has no place in our relationship with God. Save your striving for cleaning the house!

On the most frustrating days, if you will constantly, in spite of yourself, rely completely on God for wisdom in each and every moment, you will find the source that ends the striving. Remember, we can come boldly to the Throne of Grace, to find help in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:16) Let Scripture be more than a roadmap, let it transform your heart. "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thess. 5:17) Ask the Lord for His prompting and leading in your day. Make it a habit to abide in Him, and then watch the deeper spiritual transformations begin to happen in your family's hearts.

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Homeschool Options in Iowa

An Overview Chart

Options with no initial reporting and no public school services

Independent Private Instruction or Competent Private Instruction Option 2 with Opt-Out Reporting

Similarities

Differences

IPI

- No initial filing requirements.
- Can receive free testing at their resident public school.
- Eligible for Parent Taught Driver Education.
- Access to public school driver education without dual-enrollment.
- Access to one specific component of Senior Year Plus: concurrent enrollment classes at Iowa Community colleges.
- No AEA or public school services available for special needs students.

- Home educators operating under the IPI guidelines may instruct up to four unrelated students, although no payment may be received for the instruction. The instruction of unrelated students is not addressed under CPI.
- IPI: Parents must provide instruction in these 5 subjects: reading, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies, but there is no legally defined minimal number of instructional days.
- CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out: Has no required subjects but does require parents to provide at least 148 days of instruction per school year, with 37 days per school quarter.
- Follow-up Reporting: IPI parents are required to respond to a written request for information about IPI programs from the Iowa Department of Education or local school district superintendent. (*Visit our website for a form to help you respond to a request for this information.*) CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out has no initial or follow-up reporting requirements.

CPI Option 2 with Opt-Out Reporting

Options with reporting and access to public school services

Competent Private Instruction Option 1 (with your chosen teacher or a HSAP* teacher) or Option 2 with Opt-In Reporting

Similarities

Differences

CPI Option 1 w/ Teacher of your choice

- CPI Report Form A must be filed with your resident school district by Sept 1st or within 2 weeks of removing your child from school.
- Dual enrollment is permitted allowing students access to public school services, activities, classes, and materials as available from the school district and as the student meets the eligibility requirements. Dual enrolled CPI students must receive at least 1/4 of their instruction via Competent Private Instruction.
- AEA and public school services are available to special needs students educated under CPI guidelines through dual enrollment.
- Eligible for Parent Taught Driver Education.
- Parents must provide at least 148 days of instruction per school year, with 37 days per school quarter.

- CPI Option 1 with Teacher of Your Choice: You must retain a teacher with a valid Iowa teaching certificate or practitioner license appropriate to the grade level of your student and include that teacher's name and folder number on the CPI Report Form A. Teachers must meet with the student and parents at least twice every 45 days of instruction and one out of every two visits must be face-to-face.
- CPI Option 1 with HSAP* Teacher: Students must be enrolled in the HSAP then the public school will assign a HSAP supervising teacher. The HSAP teacher must meet with the student and parent at least four times every 45 days of instruction and one out of every two visits must be face-to-face.
- CPI Option 2, with Opt-In Reporting: Annual assessment must be completed by May 1 and the results filed by June 30th. Acceptable assessments are listed on our website.

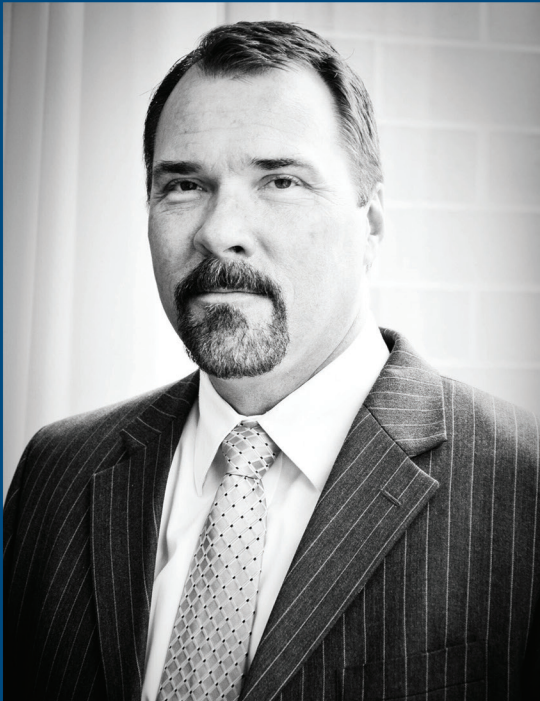
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