



Connect

PLUG IN AND BE ENCOURAGED!

The first-ever Homeschool Iowa Connect event was a huge success!

Our featured speaker, Todd Wilson, delivered his signature enthusiasm and encouragement in three keynote sessions throughout the day. Attendees also heard from Homeschool Iowa Advocacy Coordinator, Bill Gustoff, who provided updates on Iowa homeschool legal issues. And our Homeschool Iowa Regional Representatives hosted two informative, well-attended Homeschool 101 sessions.

On-site shopping opportunities included an expansive display provided by Heppner's Legacy Homeschool Resources. We were also blessed to have four Connect sponsor exhibits, including Highlands Latin School, Embrace Chiropractic, Educational Resources, and Classical Conversations.

The event was carefully planned to accommodate social distancing with groupings of chairs spaced six feet apart. We also used wristbands of two different colors to separate the attendees for shopping and break times. Our planning team's theme had been "Keep It Simple," which proved to be a wise choice, as we had to be flexible and make last minute adjustments to deal with a large group event during a pandemic. We are especially grateful to our event venue hosts, Faith Baptist Bible College, and their tremendous staff.

Overall, we believe the event's primary goal, to encourage new and existing homeschoolers, was fulfilled. And, from what we hear from other state organizations, our Connect event was one of the only — if not the only event of its kind (with on-site attendees) in the nation!

Thanks to coordinators, Kim Blom and Dawn Cowman, and to everyone who volunteered their time and talents for this event!



A few of our Regional Representatives, experienced homeschool moms with hearts to help you succeed on your homeschooling journey! These ladies, along with several of their teammates came to town from their homes across the state to answer questions, help out with curriculum concerns, and host two Homeschool 101s during our Connect event!



Attendees enjoyed time throughout the day to visit with other homeschooling families, encouraging each other.



Homeschool Iowa Board members, Erin & Dan Watkins, managed our on-site registration and check-in process, keeping everything flowing smoothly.



Our youngest attendees enjoyed the day!