



Regional
Representatives
and
Special Needs
Advisors
HANDBOOK

Welcome!

Thank you so much for saying YES to serving Iowa homeschooling families, and ultimately, the Lord Jesus. You are a valuable member of our Homeschool Iowa Regional Representative and Special Needs Advisor volunteer team, and I am very grateful for each of you.

This handbook will provide you with the basic information and resources that you will need to serve, but I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you might have.

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Homeschool Iowa

Mission:

- to equip homeschooling families
- to encourage home educators
- to promote home education
- to protect homeschooling freedom.

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Statement of Faith

The directors, officers and representatives of Homeschool Iowa affirm:

1. The Bible to be the inspired, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.
2. That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory.
4. That man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin and is therefore lost, and only those who put their faith in Jesus Christ alone, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, can be saved.
5. That salvation is the free gift of God brought to the sinner by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose substitutionary death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin.
6. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict mankind; indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
7. In the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that individual doctrinal differences which may exist, outside of the aforementioned (1-6), should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.
8. In accordance with the teachings of the Holy Bible as the inerrant Word of God, for all purposes of the corporation and its bylaws, "marriage" means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word "spouse" refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or wife.

Team Information

Website

Homeschool Iowa Website

homeschooliowa.org/

Regional Representatives Website Page:

homeschooliowa.org/resources/regional-representatives/

Special Needs Advisors Website Page:

homeschooliowa.org/resources/homeschooling-special-needs/

Facebook

Our Private Facebook Group:

www.facebook.com/groups/HIregreps/

We communicate as Reps and SNAs via this group.

You'll receive announcements and information from Cathy here.

It's also a place where you can ask questions, offer solutions, request prayer, and give encouragement.

We love to help each other, and the fellowship here is a huge blessing!

Email

Regional Representatives

Each Rep has a dedicated email account

regionX@homeschooliowa.org

(replace "X" with your region number)

Special Needs Advisor Email:

specialneeds@homeschooliowa.org

Log in at:

mail.homeschooliowa.org

Passwords & tech support available from

HI Administrative Assistant:
contact@homeschooliowa.org

Resources

Regional Representatives Resources Website Page:

homeschooliowa.org/regional-rep-resources/

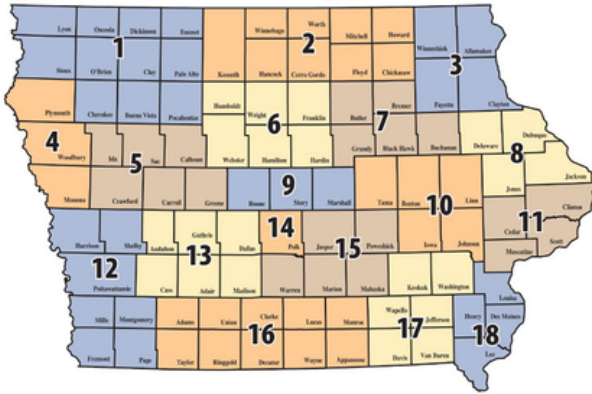
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Homeschool Iowa Start Homeschooling Pages

homeschooliowa.org/how-to-homeschool-in-iowa/

homeschooliowa.org/start-homeschooling/

Regional Reps



- REGION 1: Lyon, Osceola, Dickinson, Emmet, Sioux, O'Brien, Clay, Palo Alto, Cherokee, Buena Vista, Pocahontas
- REGION 2: Kossuth, Winnebago, Worth, Mitchell, Howard, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Chickasaw
- REGION 3: Winneshiek, Allamakee, Fayette, Clayton
- REGION 4: Plymouth, Woodbury, Monona
- REGION 5: Ida, Sac, Calhoun, Crawford, Carroll, Greene
- REGION 6: Humboldt, Wright, Franklin, Webster, Hamilton, Hardin
- REGION 7: Butler, Bremer, Grundy, Black Hawk, Buchanan
- REGION 8: Delaware, Dubuque, Jones, Jackson
- REGION 9: Boone, Story, Marshall
- REGION 10: Tama, Benton, Linn, Iowa, Johnson
- REGION 11: Cedar, Clinton, Muscatine, Scott
- REGION 12: Harrison, Shelby, Pottawattamie, Mills, Montgomery, Fremont, Page
- REGION 13: Audubon, Guthrie, Dallas, Cass, Adair, Madison
- REGION 14: Polk
- REGION 15: Jasper, Poweshiek, Warren, Marion, Mahaska
- REGION 16: Adams, Union, Clarke, Lucas, Monroe, Taylor, Ringgold, Decatur, Wayne, Appanoose
- REGION 17: Keokuk, Washington, Wapello, Jefferson, Davis, Van Buren
- REGION 18: Louisa, Henry, Des Moines, Lee

As Regional Reps, you're the "face" of Homeschool Iowa out & about the state!

Your 3 Main Responsibilities Are:

#1

Responding to inquiries submitted via our Regional Rep website form.

Form submissions are automatically forwarded to your Rep email account, which is set to forward to your personal email account.

Angie & Julie also receive copies of form submissions. Reach out to them &/or the Rep FB group with questions. Some Reps choose to respond from their personal email addresses; others use their Rep email accounts. You are not required to communicate by phone, although a few Reps use Google Phone. It's up to you!

#2

Maintaining a List of Local Leaders & Support Groups in Your Region

You will have access to a G-Sheet in which you can continually update current information on support groups, co-ops, FB groups, etc. (faith-based & secular) in your region.

Use the G-Sheet to keep us updated on new groups, disbanding groups, leadership changes, etc. This listing of contact information is vital to Homeschool Iowa. It is used when responding to support group referral requests from our website and when compiling invitation lists for our annual Leader Retreat.

#3

Building Relationships with Local Leaders & Support Groups in Your Region

After you find leaders & groups in your region, we rely upon you to serve as a "pipeline" for local needs, opportunities, and potential volunteers.

Homeschooling 101



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**Homeschooling
101**



Once a year or more, we encourage each Region to host a Homeschooling 101 event.

This is not mandatory, but these events are effective & fun!

You'll find a ready-made Homeschooling 101 presentation on the Regional Rep Resources website page.

You do not have to be the featured presenter.

Consider asking local leaders to help.

Our marketing team can produce graphics & flyers, post on HI social media, and promote on the HI website.

Notify Angie, sharing date/time/location details, when you schedule a HS 101 in your region.

Special Needs Advisors



Homeschool Iowa Special Needs
Facebook Group:

www.facebook.com/groups/SpecialNeedsIowa/

As Special Needs Advisors, you offer our Homeschool Iowa members wisdom & encouragement for homeschooling special needs students.

Your Main Responsibility Is:

**Responding to Inquiries
Submitted from our Website**

Inquiry request forms are forwarded to Angie, who assigns one of you to respond.

You may use your personal email or the specialneeds@homeschooliowa.org email.

*Communicating by phone is not required.
If you do, consider Google Phone for privacy.*

Team Member Perks



- Complimentary HI membership
- Invitation to HI Board & Team Retreat
- Invitation to HI Statewide Leader Retreat
- Family Admission to HI Conference
Our Reps have a display, and this is our big “meet up” every year! SNAs, we’d love to have you join us at the Conference, too.

Additional Options

#1

Consider Joining and Interacting on our HI Facebook Discussion Group
Some of our team members are active there, posting and answering questions with wisdom, grace, and experience. We’d love to see you there, too!

#2

Consider signing up for Homeschool Iowa VoterVoice
Our VoterVoice tool provides a great way to stay up-to-date on Iowa legal issues and the tremendous work of our HI lobbyist and Advocacy Team.

#3

Consider Joining and Following our Homeschool Iowa YouTube Channel
You’ll find lots of helpful videos, some even made by our Regional Reps, on our HI YouTube. Check out the history of homeschooling in Iowa video.