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Dear Homeschooling Advocate:

Thank you very much for your interest in promoting home education in your community. Homeschool Now USA is here to make this easy and fun for you. The presenter's notes for these slides will guide you through a "You Can Homeschool" presentation. Our recommendation is that you print these slides. Your print menu should offer the "Handout" option that will allow you to print two slides per page. Print enough sets to distribute to your attendees. For yourself, print the "Notes" option which will allow you to see the slide and these presenter notes. The slides and notes may be adjusted and customized to fit your preferences.

Additionally, provide each attendee a copy of your state's homeschooling laws. These are included in your Homeschool Now USA host kit.

Many attendees appreciate receiving a list of local homeschool resources. Some suggestions would be sport organizations, 4H, band, choir, speech and debate leagues, co-ops, support groups, book clubs. Most of this information is available online, and parents are grateful for a list that gives them an idea where to start.

Contact your state's homeschool organization and let them know you're hosting an information meeting during National School Choice Week. Ask whether they have any promotional materials which you can distribute.

Now, about these slides: Notes in plain text are meant to guide your presentation, but they are not a script. Use them to help tell your story and to encourage parents to take the next step toward homeschooling.

NOTES IN ALL CAPS INDICATE AREAS WHERE CUSTOMIZED CONTENT IS NEEDED. Pay careful attention to these and customize the content as instructed.

You are an important part of the cultural revolution that is home education. We at Homeschool Now USA are grateful for you. Your presentation begins below:

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Welcome everyone and introduce yourself. We suggest you tell them about your family, how long you've been homeschooling, and why you would want to tell others about it.

PERSONALIZE THIS SLIDE. IF YOU DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE GIVING OUT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, YOU MIGHT LIST THE CONTACT EMAIL FOR YOUR STATE ORGANIZATION.

You might say,  
"The goal of this meeting is to talk about a few reasons families decide to homeschool, discuss some common myths of homeschooling and help guide you (the audience) to where to go to find out more information. This presentation will take about 45 minutes and then we will have some time afterwards for questions and answers."

Ice Breakers to ask Audience: I like to get to know my audience by asking a few questions such as – raise your hand if you have more than 2 children, 3 children, etc until no one is left. Or ask who has Children over 5, 10, 15 to judge the ages they are considering homeschooling.

## Top 5 Fun Reasons to Homeschool Now

- 1) You can have unlimited sunshine days
- 2) Your kids can wear pajamas all day if you like
- 3) Recess can last for two hours on a nice sunny day
- 4) Playing with LEGOs can count as learning
- 5) You can go to Disney World when the lines are only minutes long and not hours.



Discuss the freedom of homeschooling. These are five reasons we thought of. If you have other reasons that apply to your family or region, feel free to change the slide text.

1) One of our family's favorite things about home schooling is taking "fair weather" days to enjoy fresh air and sunshine. We school on "snow" days!

2) Children learn best when they are comfortable and in a loving environment. You don't feel like getting dressed until 1pm? – go ahead – no one will know. Your child won't feel pressured by their peers to look cool, not that they won't, but the fleeting fashion flavor of the month may not be such a distraction. Bullying because you aren't wearing the right clothes or just because you didn't get laundry done yesterday will be a thing of the past.

3) We want our children to know the world, that is part of the reason to educate them. You can't know something you don't get to experience. Going outside and playing is a key aspect to a well rounded education. Children learn a lot from being outside, that can't be learned at a desk in a square room.

Tell of a day your family just enjoyed nice weather AND got school work done!

4) Children naturally learn when they play. Or course there is structure when you homeschool, but you will be amazed at how much just playing with LEGOs can teach them.

You can learn math with LEGOs, inspire someone to be an engineer or an architect, designer, and much more.

Tell about other toys or household items that have become your homeschool supplies.

5) Your family time is not confined by the school calendar, homeschooling allows education to fit your flexible schedule. Did you know on a Tuesday in October you can ride Space Mountain 5 times, while if you went in the summer you'd still be standing in line!

Tell a story of when your family was able to take a flexible trip.

Type your own notes here.

## Top 3 Questions People Ask About Homeschooling Now

- 1) Is it Legal?
- 2) Am I qualified?
- 3) What about socialization?



The next 3 slides will be answered in the following 5, so don't directly answer them, but preview what you will be discussing and assure them you will give a great answer.

1) All of us want what is best for our children and our families. Not sure in the short term, but the long term. Since most of us weren't homeschooled there are questions we all have, and most of them have simple answers.

2) Virtually every parent who homeschools has wondered this very thing. How will I teach Algebra? How will I know what to teach? Don't teachers go to school for 4 years to be able to teach? What if I mess up? These doubts flow through many homeschoolers' minds, but there are many solutions to fit each family's individual needs.

3) Yes, we are all aware that this is a question! We all want our children to have friends, and be able to interact with adults, other children, business people, clergy, coaches, bosses and a whole range of other people. Will your children be weird if they homeschool? Will they be too sheltered?

Fear not! These common questions all have real answers.

## Top 5 Reasons Why You CAN Homeschool Now

- 1) It is Legal in every state
- 2) There is an abundance of good curriculum written specifically for homeschooling students
- 3) There is an abundance of cutting edge technologies available to use
- 4) There is an abundance of support
- 5) You know your kids best



- 1) Yes it is legal in each state. Every state has unique guidelines and laws that govern homeschooling. Each state also has homeschool organizations that diligently work to protect the rights of parents to direct the education of their children.

CUSTOMIZE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

In (YOUR STATE), parents who wish to homeschool must (BASIC HOMESCHOOLING GUIDELINES HERE)

More information about homeschooling in (YOUR STATE) is available at (STATE HOMESCHOOL ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE).

Surprisingly it wasn't until the early 90s that all states legally recognized homeschooling, so it is important that we remain diligent in protecting the right to homeschool. The best way to begin is to join (YOUR STATE HOMESCHOOL ORGANIZATION).

- 2) Are you qualified to homeschool? Yes!

National Home Education Research Institute ([www.nheri.org](http://www.nheri.org)) – researches homeschooling and they found:

- The home-educated typically score 15 to 30 percentile points above public-

school students on standardized academic achievement tests. (The public school average is the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile; scores range from 1 to 99.)

- Homeschool students score above average on achievement tests regardless of their parents' level of formal education or their family's household income.
- Whether homeschool parents were ever certified teachers is not related to their children's academic achievement.

Part of the reason for that is the many curriculum choices that are available to homeschoolers that fit children's specific needs and learning styles. Homeschooling Curriculum was written with you in mind!

Briefly tell about the curriculum you use and encourage them to go to the (YOUR STATE HOMESCHOOL CONVENTION)

3) DVDs, online classes, local support groups, Smart Phone Apps, Khan Academy, blogs and many more resources are available to homeschooling parents and students. List some of your favorites. Getting started homeschooling can seem overwhelming, but there are plenty of people who are here to help new families get started homeschooling. (MENTION YOUR SUPPORT GROUP OR STATE ORGANIZATION)

4) From state organizations, to local co-ops, to online communities, to summer conferences and much more there are homeschoolers and homeschool groups that help one another.

Tell about support that you are involved with, receiving or giving.

5) Every kid is unique and has different gifts and talents. As a parent you know your children the best, and want the best for them. This allows you to focus their education for their individual needs.

Share a story that typifies your homeschool. Your story is powerful!

## Top 5 Reasons Why You SHOULD Homeschool Now

- 1) You can design an educational plan to match each individual student
- 2) Your student can master a given field by spending a focusing his time studying subjects where he shows interest and aptitude
- 3) Your students can enjoy plenty of time outdoors, which is healthy for their bodies, minds, and souls
- 4) You can more effectively pass on your family values, morals, and religious beliefs to your children
- 5) Your family and home is the most loving, caring, safe, and positive social environment for your child to be raised and educated



1) You don't have to accept a modern educational plan for your child, you can create one to meet his or her unique needs and goals.

According to the National Home Education Research Institute ([www.nheri.org](http://www.nheri.org)) 2 of the most common reasons families choose to homeschool are::

- to customize or individualize the curriculum and learning environment for each child,
- to accomplish more academically than in schools.

2) If your child has a special love for a subject or career, they don't have to wait to start developing those skills.

In 2015, a 17 year old homeschooled student became the youngest certified CPA in the History of the USA.

If there is something your student enjoys learning about, then you can have him study the field more or intern with a local small business and really excel at that area. Homeschooling frees you to pursue a unique education path that meets your students needs.

3) Children weren't meant to sit down in a chair 6 hours a day. What good is it to learn about the world, but not be able to experience it first hand.

STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) – is a big deal these days in the school system. What a better way to explore Science than be outside!

4) National Home Education Research Institute ([www.nheri.org](http://www.nheri.org)) research shows:

The research based on adults who were home educated is growing; thus far it indicates that they:

- participate in local community service more frequently than does the general population,
- vote and attend public meetings more frequently than the general population, and
- attend and graduate college at an equal or higher rate than age mate peers.
- Internalize the values and beliefs of their parents at a very high rate.

These ideas of family values, morals and religious beliefs were very important to many of the pioneers of homeschooling, but as it has grown in popularity due to the academic success of homeschoolers the percentage of families who cite this as a deciding factor has dropped, but is still one of the most popular reasons to homeschool.

5) Parents are their children’s first and best teachers.

You know your child the best. It is hard to concentrate on learning in an environment that doesn’t feel safe.

## What's Next?

- 1) Contact your state organization
  - STATE ORGANIZATION WEBSITE HERE
- 2) Contact a local group
  - LOCAL GROUP CONTACT INFO
- 3) Attend workshops at a convention
  - LINK TO CONVENTION INFORMATION
- 4) Read books on education, child development and homeschooling
  - Find support from people who have been in your shoes



1) Thank you for your time today, we will wrap up the presentation portion and open the floor for questions. In the meantime I want to list a few resources for you to check out if you want to learn more.

Our local state organization website is:

They have the resources to get you started.

2) Besides our state organization, there are local support groups and co-ops that meet all around our state. You can typically find those through an online search and our state organization may know of local groups you can contact.

(YOU MIGHT WANT TO PRODUCE A HANDOUT WITH LOCAL HOMESCHOOL RESOURCE INFORMATION. FOR EXAMPLE, AREA SUPPORT GROUP, SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS, BAND, CHOIR, SPEECH/DEBATE, ETC.)

3) Describe and promote your state's homeschool convention. This is the "in-service" teacher training for homeschooling parents where we gather with likeminded families, hear engaging, dynamic speakers, meet curriculum authors, publishers and exhibitors who educate us on their products.

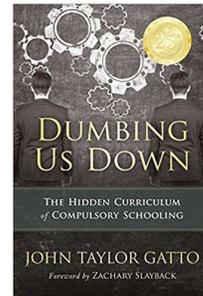
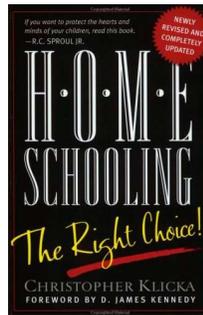
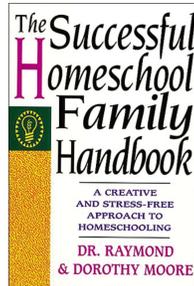
(KNOW THE DATE, LOCATION AND COST OF YOUR STATE'S HOMESCHOOL CONVENTION)

4) Families just like yours, with all of the questions you're asking yourself today, are bringing their children home for school. Support and encouragement are found as we work together in this important task. State homeschool leaders, support group leaders and local homeschooling parents all have walked in your shoes and are willing to answer your questions as you consider whether homeschooling is right for your family.

(LIST THE BOOKS YOU RECOMMEND TO PARENTS JUST GETTING STARTED. BRING COPIES FROM HOME, IF YOU HAVE THEM, FOR PEOPLE TO SEE)

Some of our favorites to recommend

# Book Recommendations



The Successful Homeschool Family Handbook – Dr. Raymond and Dorothy Moore

Homeschooling: The Right Choice – Christopher Klicka, Esq.

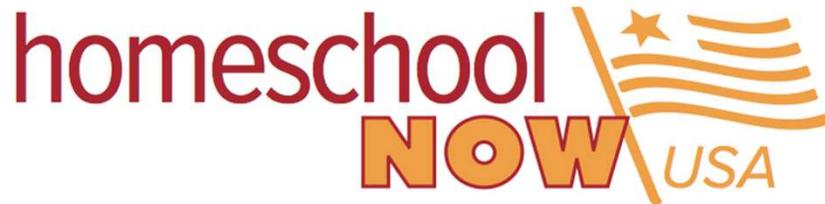
Dumbing Us Down – John Taylor Gatto

Parents who read about child development, education, and home schooling will become peaceful, confident homeschoolers. Please make your own book recommendations here, and remind parents that they truly are their children’s first and best teachers.

## What's Next?

Go forward in confidence.

If there was ever a time to homeschool,  
It is NOW.



I am now available to answer any questions you may have, don't be shy.

There are fliers available on homeschooling, please take one. Also be sure to visit [www.homeschoolnowusa.com](http://www.homeschoolnowusa.com) for more information.