

## **SUPPORT GROUPS AND RESOURCES**

Various organizations provide support for homeschoolers. The information contained herein has been provided by the organization, based on categories provided at the bottom of this file. Inclusion in this list does not imply evaluation, review or approval of any kind by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).

While PDE does not list individuals as resources, an organization may download the *Application for Listing as a Support Group* from the [Home Education and Private Tutoring](#) homepage and return it for inclusion of their group on the website.

County and regional support groups for parents of homeschoolers are particularly welcomed to the list because they link together homeschool families in the same geographical area to share ideas, resources and activities.

### **Diplomas and diploma-granting organizations**

Some organizations apply to PDE for recognition as state approved diploma-granting organizations, using the *Home Education Association Application for Recognition*. These organizations are listed at the *Diploma-Granting Organizations for Home Education Programs (State Approved)* link. Additionally, supervisor-issued homeschool diplomas are recognized by the state. This form for a supervisor-issued diploma (PDE 6008), and the others, are provided on the [Home Education and Private Tutoring](#) homepage.

## **SUPPORT GROUPS BY GEOGRAPHY**

Support groups are listed in the following order:

- County in PA
- Regional in PA
- Statewide
- National
- Worldwide

## **County**

### ***Chester County***

*Classical Conversations (CC)*

367 Hibernia Road, Coatesville, PA 19320-1287

Melissa Alton, 610-384-1306

Lori Herson, 610-384-4780

Email: malton@classicalconversations.com

Website: www.classicalconversations.com

Achievement testing, Association, Conference, Email, Evaluators, Newsletters, Support Group, Webpage

### ***Franklin County***

*Franklin County United Homeschool Association*

1853 Dawn Lane

Chambersburg, PA 17201

Mary Ellen Moore 717-267-3768

Annette Martin 717-263-3878

Email: me2moore@epix.net  
Association, Email

### ***Fulton County***

*Christian Home Educators Team*

HCR 81, Box 58

Needmore, PA 17238

Norma Jean Hohman 717-294-6215

Ruthann Golden 717-294-3118

Email: hohman@nb.net

Advocacy, Association, Email, Evaluators, Information, Support Group

### **Regional**

Regional - Allegheny, Butler, and Beaver Counties

*Family Instructors of the North Suburbs (FINS)*

1549 Crestview Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Barb Beideman, 412-358-0394

Becky Giebel, 412-635-9159

Email: pfins-owner@yahoo.com

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/pittsburghfins/>

Association, Conference, Email, Evaluators, Information, Support Group, Webpage

Regional – Allegheny (Pts) and Westmoreland Counties

*The McKeesport Area Homeschoolers*

404 Owens Avenue

Liberty Borough, PA 16930

Barbara Page 412-461-6788

Email: pageclan@msn.com

Association, Email, Webpage

Regional – Carbon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Parts of Monroe Counties

*Schuylkill, Carbon, Upper Lehigh Parent-Teachers (SCULPT)*

RD2, Box 121-27

New Ringgold, PA 17960

Marie and Joseph Courtney 717-386-4224

Advocacy (Information), Association, Information, Newsletter, Support Group

Regional - Berks, Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery Counties

*Valley Forge Baptist Home Education Association (VFBHEA)*

616 S. Trappe Road

Collegeville, PA 19426

Karen Melchior 610-948-8100

Lois Rall 610-948-8100

Email: kmelchior@vfbt.org

Fax: 610-948-6423

Association, Newsletters, Support Group, Diplomas, Email, Webpage

Regional - Monroe, Northampton, Pike and surrounding counties

*Northeast Pennsylvania Homeschoolers (NEPA)*

PO Box 884  
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301  
Judy or Paul Van Hook 717-476-9321  
Email: nepahomeschoolers@yahoo.com  
Curriculum Fair, Email, Evaluators, Information,

Regional - Philadelphia, Upper Darby, and surrounding areas  
*Accel Community Programs (ACCEL)*  
7400 Marshall Road, Upper Darby, PA 19082  
Veronica Manley, Director, 484-461-8761  
Email: [vmanley@accelcyber.org](mailto:vmanley@accelcyber.org)  
Website: [www.accelcyber.org](http://www.accelcyber.org)  
Fax: 484-461-8778  
Achievement testing, Diplomas, Email, Evaluators, Newsletters, Support group, Webpage

Regional - York County and surrounding areas  
*York Homeschool Association (YHSA)*  
500 Paradise Road, York, PA 17402  
New Member Info - Bud & Lydia Goulart 717-741-2566  
Coordinator - Julie Tate 717-751-4710  
WEB: <http://yhsa.org/>  
Association, Curriculum Fair (March), Information, Materials, Newsletter, Support Group and Webpage

## **Statewide**

*Aleithia Learning Center*  
68 Bertolet School Road  
Spring City, PA 19475  
Richard G. Patton 610-286-6361  
Email: [ALCCenter@aol.com](mailto:ALCCenter@aol.com)  
Association, On-line Courses, Materials

*Buxmont Christian Educational Institute, Inc.*  
146 W. Broad Street  
Telford, PA 18969  
Terry L. Johns 215-723-7226  
Email: [bceione@fast.net](mailto:bceione@fast.net)  
WEB: <http://buxmontchristianed.org/>  
Association, Conference, Curriculum Fair, Diplomas, Evaluators, Information, Materials, Newsletters, Support Group

*Catholic Homeschoolers of Pennsylvania*  
101 So. College Street  
Myerstown, PA 17067  
Larry and Ellen Kramer 717-866-5425  
Email: [cathhmschpa@ihs2000.com](mailto:cathhmschpa@ihs2000.com)  
Fax: 717-866-5425  
WEB: <http://www.catholichomeschoolpa.org/>  
Association, Conference & Curriculum Fair, Email, Evaluators, Information, Newsletter, Webpage

*Christian Homeschool Association of Pennsylvania (CHAP)*

231 N. Chestnut Street

Palmyra, PA 17078

717-838-0980

Email: [chap@chapboard.org](mailto:chap@chapboard.org)WEB: <http://www.chaponline.com/>

Advocacy, Statewide Convention, Email, Information, Newsletter, Webpage

*Erie County Homeschoolers Diploma Association*

9129 State Road

Cranesville, PA 16410

Edi Thomas 570-967-0951

Email: [echsda@velocity.net](mailto:echsda@velocity.net)

Association, Diplomas

*Keystone Christian Institute*

120 Kilingerman Road

Telford, PA 18969

Christa Hageman

215-721-1868

Email: [PAhomeschool@undermothersheart.com](mailto:PAhomeschool@undermothersheart.com)Web: <http://www.PAhomeschool.com>

Information, Webpage, Email, Handbell Choir (Music Classes)

Statewide and also classes for Bucks, Berks, Montgomery, and Philadelphia county homeschoolers

*Mason-Dixon Homeschoolers Assoc., Inc.*

32 West Main Street #5

Waynesboro, PA 17268

Barbara Snider 717-749-5767

Email: [mdhsaadmin@pa.net](mailto:mdhsaadmin@pa.net) (for support group)Alternate email: [diploma@pa.net](mailto:diploma@pa.net) (for diploma program)WEB: <http://www.mdhsa-pa.org/>

Association, Diplomas, Evaluators, Information, Newsletters, Support

*Pennsylvania Home Education Network*

952 Peach Street

Ellwood City, PA 16117

412/561-5288

Email: [info@phen.org](mailto:info@phen.org)Web: <http://www.phen.org>

Association, Email, Evaluators, Information, Newsletter, Support Group, Webpage

*Pennsylvania Homeschoolers*

105 Richman Lane, Kittanning PA 16201-5737

Kittanning PA 16201-9311

Howard and Susan Richman 724-783-6512

Email: [richmans@pahomeschoolers.com](mailto:richmans@pahomeschoolers.com)WEB: <http://www.pahomeschoolers.com/>

Fax: 724-783-6512

Achievement Testing, Email, Evaluators, Materials, Newsletter, On-line courses (Advanced Placement), Webpage

*Pennsylvania Homeschoolers Accreditation Agency*

105 Richman Lane, Kittanning PA 16201-5737

Kittanning, PA 16201-9311

Dr. Howard B. Richman 724-783-6512

Email: PHAA@pahomeschoolers.com

WEB: <http://www.phaa.org/>

Fax: 724-783-6512

Association, Conference (High Schools at Home), Diplomas, Email, Evaluators, Materials, Newsletter, Webpage

*Susquehanna Valley Homeschool Diploma Programs, Inc.*

484 Pleasant View Road

Hummelstown, PA 17036

Margaret T. Matthews, President 717-566-3573

Sandra Elliott 717-582-7527

Association, Conferences, Diplomas, Evaluators

*The Lancaster Center for Classical Studies*

(The Classical Foundation of Lancaster)

910 Marietta Avenue

Lancaster, PA 17603

Peter Brown

717-397-3223

Email: [lccs.org@verizon.net](mailto:lccs.org@verizon.net)

Diplomas

*They Read More Usborne Books*

6419 N. Fairhill Street

Philadelphia, PA 19126

Tracey D. Sims-Brooks

888-229-0185

Email: [theyreadmore@gmail.com](mailto:theyreadmore@gmail.com)WEB: <http://www.letsjustread.com>

Curriculum Fair

*Upattinas School and Resource Center*

429 Greenridge Road

Glenmoore, PA 19343

Kim Coffin, Director of Admissions and Home Education Coordinator

610-458-5138

Email: [office@upattinas.org](mailto:office@upattinas.org)WEB: <http://www.upattinas.org>

Fax: 610-458-8688

Achievement Testing, Association, Diplomas, Email

**Statewide/National/Worldwide***Bridgeway Academy (a division of Essential Learning Institute)*

334 Second Street

Catasauqua, PA 18032

Admissions Office: 800-863-1474

Email: [admissions@bridgewayacademy.com](mailto:admissions@bridgewayacademy.com)  
WEB: <http://www.homeschoolacademy.com/>  
Association, Diplomas, Nationally accredited, On-line courses, 24x7 tutors on-line,  
Curriculum, Achievement Testing, Email, Evaluators, Information, Materials, Newsletters,  
Webpage

*Keystone National High School*  
KNHS or Keystone  
920 Central Road  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815  
Gary Myers, Provost 800-255-4937  
Jennifer Unger, Director 800-255-4937  
Email: [Info@keystonehighschool.com](mailto:Info@keystonehighschool.com)  
WEB: <http://keystoneschoolonline.com/>  
Fax: 570-784-2192  
On-line Courses, Support Group, Webpage

## **National**

*Alternative Education Resource Organization*  
417 Roslyn Rd  
Roslyn Heights, NY 11577  
Jerry Mintz 516-621-2195  
800-769-4171  
Email: [Jerryaero@aol.com](mailto:Jerryaero@aol.com)  
Fax: 516-625-3257  
Association, Email, Evaluators, Information, Materials, Webpage

*American School*  
2200 East 170th Street, Lansing, IL 60438  
Jeff Cox, 708-418-2800  
Valerie Riley, 708-418-2800  
Email: [publicrelations@americanschool.org](mailto:publicrelations@americanschool.org)  
Website: [www.americanschool.org](http://www.americanschool.org)  
Fax: 708-418-2831  
Email, Materials, Newsletters, Online Courses, Webpage

*Curriculum Services*  
26801 Pine Ave  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135  
Kathleen L. Sprafka  
877-702-1419  
Email: [info@curriculumservices.com](mailto:info@curriculumservices.com)  
WEB: <http://www.curriculumservices.com/>  
Fax: 941-992-6473  
Email, Materials

*Debra Bell's Home School Resource Center*  
PO Box 67  
Palmyra, PA 17078

717.838.5273

Email: [hsrc@debrabell.com](mailto:hsrc@debrabell.com)

WEB: <http://www.debrabell.com/>

Fax: 717.832.7733

Achievement Testing, Online Courses, Newsletter, Conference, Information, Materials

*ECS Issue Site - Homeschooling*

WEB: <http://www.ecs.org/ecsmain.asp?page=/html/issues.asp?am=1/>

*National Center for Home Education*

PO Box 3000

Purcellville, VA 20134

540/338-7600

Email: [nationalcenter@hsllda.org](mailto:nationalcenter@hsllda.org)

WEB: <http://www.hsllda.org/>

Fax: 540-338-9333

Advocacy, Association, Email, Information, Newsletter, Webpage

*Homeschool Legal Defense Association*

P.O. Box 3000

Purcellville, VA 20134

Cora Prather 540-338-5600

Darren Jones, Legal Aide

Email: [mailroom@HSLDA.org](mailto:mailroom@HSLDA.org)

WEB: <http://www.hsllda.org/>

Fax: 540-338-2733

Advocacy, Association, Email, Information, Newsletters, Webpage

*National Challenged Homeschoolers Associated Network*

NATHHAN

5383 Alpine Road, SE

Olalla, WA 98539

Tim Bushnell 253-857-4257

Email: [NATHANEWS@aol.com](mailto:NATHANEWS@aol.com)

WEB: <http://www.nathhan.com/>

Fax: 253-857-7764

Association, Email, Information, Materials, Newsletters, Support Group, Webpage

*National Home Education Research Institute*

12221 Van Brady Road

Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-7924

William A. Lloyd 301-372-2889

Brian D. Ray 503-364-1490

Email: [mail@nheri.org](mailto:mail@nheri.org)

WEB: <http://www.nheri.org/>

Fax: 301-372-0086

Information, Webpage

*National School Is Dead; Learn in Freedom!*

Karl M. Bunday

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WEB: <http://www.learninfreedom.org/>

Email, Information, Webpage

**CATEGORIES FOR SUPPORT GROUP**

Achievement Testing - An organization which arranges for students to take nationally normed standardized achievement tests.

Advocacy - An organization which provides legal information and/or assistance.

Association - An organization which parents or families join for a fee.

Conference - Organizes an annual or more frequent meeting of organizations and/or parents regarding homeschooling issues.

Curriculum Fair - Organizes an annual or more frequent fair of organizations or companies that provide materials for instruction.

Diplomas - Organization which is properly registered with the Pennsylvania Department of Education to issue secondary school graduation credentials for post-secondary school admittance, PHEAA grants and loans, and supervision of a home education program.

Email - An address on the Internet.

Evaluators - An organization which provides a listing of evaluators.

Information - An organization which provides information on other organizations, materials or research on the subject of home education free of charge.

Materials - An organization which sells or provides without charge curriculum materials or other materials used in instruction.

Newsletters - An organization which provides a periodic newsletter or magazine for homeschooling families, with or without charge.

On-line courses - An organization which provides courses in limited subject areas or age groups via the Internet. The courses or age groups will be identified.

Support Group - An organization which provides parent support meetings, family programs, field trips, kids clubs, social activities.

Webpage - Electronically retrievable information available through the Internet free of charge.

If your organization would like to advertise on this page, complete the *Application for Listing as a Support Group* on the [Home Education and Private Tutoring](#) homepage and return it to [ra-home-education@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-home-education@state.pa.us).