

## Meeting the Needs of California Homeschoolers



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### Questions about homeschooling?

Visit our website, or call us toll-free at 1-888-HSC-4440.

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Find the support you need to begin your journey. Find friends, collective wisdom, and inspiration.

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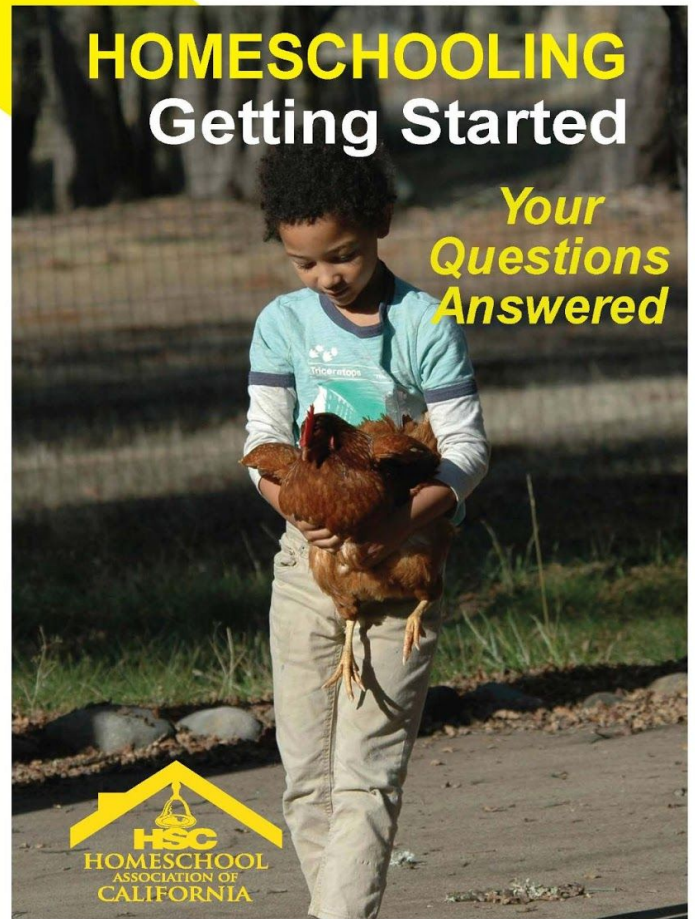
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# HOMESCHOOLING Getting Started

## Your Questions Answered



### HSC Welcomes You To The Homeschooling Community!

Homeschooling can be one of the most exciting journeys of your life. All of us at HSC would like to assure you that, as you proceed on your own journey, your family life will be filled with love, your learning with excitement, and your days with adventure. We know you have a lot to think about, and HSC is here to help.

### Who Are Homeschoolers?

Homeschoolers come from all ethnic, religious, political, and economic backgrounds. Some sacrifice income to be home with their children; others educate their children while pursuing careers. Some are former educators, but many successful homeschoolers have no credentials other than a desire to help their child reach their highest potential.

### How Do I Get Started?

There is no one right way to homeschool, and there are many excellent publications (such as HSC's online magazine, *The Homeschooler Post*) about the varied philosophies, methods, and materials. As you try a bit from here and a tad from there, you will discover you have more innate wisdom about your own educational needs than you had realized.

### Is Homeschooling Legal?

There are several legal options: (1) establishing a private school (Private School Affidavit, PSA); (2) using a private satellite program (PSP); (3) using a public school program (a charter school or a public independent study program [ISP]); and (4) tutoring with a current California credential. HSC provides in-depth information about each of these options on our website in the legal section at [www.hsc.org](http://www.hsc.org).

### Am I Really Qualified To Teach My Own Children?

Sometimes people imagine there may be problems when the parent becomes the teacher. In reality, parents become trusted



facilitators, and children become competent and self-motivated learners. While parents often wonder how they can teach something they do not know, they should not underestimate the ability of children to learn on their own with good resources. Rest assured that you can quite successfully be a helpful and supportive partner in learning.

### What About Socialization?

Socialization is not the problem that people often assume. Homeschoolers interact with adults as well as children of all ages while participating in support groups, sports, scouts, 4-H, community in-person and online classes, park days, field trips, churches, their neighborhoods, and much more. And, they are not subject to excessive peer pressure. Parents who spend more time with their children appreciate the positive effect it has on the whole family.

### Where Do I Turn For Support?

You'll want to find homeschooling friends and activities for your child and yourself. For referrals, call HSC's toll free number at (888) HSC-4440, or visit the County Contacts page on our website at [www.hsc.org/county-and-special-contacts.html](http://www.hsc.org/county-and-special-contacts.html). County Contacts are friendly homeschooling parents who will answer your questions and help you find local support groups and activities. In addition, join HSC's lively online community at [www.facebook.com/groups/HomeschoolAssociationofCalifornia/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/HomeschoolAssociationofCalifornia/) to connect with thousands of other homeschoolers.

### Where Can I Learn More?

HSC members have recommended a number of books and resources over the years. A comprehensive list can be found at [www.hsc.org/](http://www.hsc.org/) under resources. HSC hosts an annual conference, where homeschoolers from all over California gather to play, make friends, and learn about homeschooling. You can find information on our latest conference at [www.hsconference.com](http://www.hsconference.com).

We welcome you to the wonderful journey of homeschooling. No matter what homeschooling path you choose, you will find support and information at HSC! Become a member today!

