



2024 Thrive! Vendor Workshop Schedule

Session 2: Thursday 3:20 – 4:20 pm

OT4Kids, Inc (Carol Powell & Patty Miranda) **OT4Kids Presents "Exceptional Me" Programs**—Exceptional Me programs will run year round. Groups of 4-8 children or teens attend a weekly 3 hour class. Classes will provide sensory activities, functional skill training, and social skills training. Activities will include healthy snacks, cooking, gardening, music, art, crafting, and more. (Conference 2)

Session 4: Friday 11:00 am - Noon

Weston A. Price Foundation (Maureen Diaz) **Help! I Can't Think Straight!**—Have you ever wondered if the foods we feed our families have any affect on our brains and how we process information? Take a deep dive into how compounds in common foods either help, or hurt, brain function and which foods can optimize our family's physical and mental health. (Conference 1)

Classical Conversations (Heather Mangum) **Experience Classical Education**—Come and experience what a classical education can look like, in home and in community. Join experienced homeschool moms as they show you the simplicity and depth of a day in the life of a homeschooler. (Conference 2)

Educate for Life (Jayson Payne) **Gigantic Geological Evidence for Noah's Flood!**—Did Noah's flood really happen? All over the world there are geological features which couldn't be formed by the natural processes we see happening today. Explore the astonishing scientific evidence from geology and history that points to a massive worldwide flood. Be inspired to share the evidence. (Ardmore 1)

Session 5: Friday, 12:20 – 1:20 pm

Equipping Minds through Cognitive Therapy (Darla Jones & Jennifer Nocar) **Increase Your Childs Ability to Learn through Brain Training**—Did you know that the brain can change! In this interactive workshop on cognitive therapy, we will demonstrate how we exercise and strengthen working memory, processing speed, language skills, logic and reasoning, and more to remap the brain and increase chances of academic success. (Conference 1)

Excel College (Davis Norment) **The End of Higher Education as We Know It**—The last few years have shown us that it's clearly time for something new in higher education. How did we get here? And what's to be done? Come and hear about a new model of Christian higher education that revives an ancient, yet effective method of human transformation—but with a modern spin. (Conference 2)

The Creativity Doctor (Daniel Cape, Ph.D.) **Creativity 101: Teaching the Subject of Creativity**—Creativity is not only the most valuable skill of the 21st century; it's a subject that can be taught. This workshop will introduce the subject of creativity and demonstrate how it can be easily incorporated into any curriculum using The Creativity Doctor's simple and practical Tripple X model. (Ardmore 1)

Session 6: Friday, 1:40 – 2:40 pm

BJU Press Homeschool/HomeWorks by Precept (Jennifer Holland) **How and Why to Write a Family Mission Statement**—The purpose and use of a mission statement will be presented. Here you will be given the building blocks on how to evaluate your family's homeschool values/goals and write your own mission statement. This tool can anchor you through the school years and keep you aligned with your ultimate goal. (Conference 1)

NCVPS (Crystal Pullen) **Solutions for Your Middle and High School**—Are you nervous about teaching middle or high school? Does your child need advanced or AP courses? Do you have limited time to homeschool? Join us to learn how NCVPS with our 135+ courses and NC certified instructors can be the solution for your family to continue to homeschool! (Conference 2)

Little Shoes Academy (Melissa Jenkins and Kathy Lawson) **Teaching Strategies**—This workshop explains detailed teaching strategies to help preschoolers get the most from engaging and hands-on lessons. We use research-based techniques that have proven success in the areas of reading and math. There is a specific scope and sequence that has been proven to bring amazing results. (Ardmore 1)

Session 7: Friday, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Thales College (Jim Brewster) **The Next Stages of Classical Education: College and Beyond**—This workshop connects classical education and the question of college, arguing that parents need to apply as much discernment to the questions of college—curriculum, values, results, moral formation—as they do to elementary and secondary schooling. (Conference 1)

The Academies at Creative Global Schools (Kim Lundy & JoAnn Berkley) **Maximizing your Student's Potential-Their Pathway to Success!**—Think of your student as a jewel that needs a ring setting. Would you place that precious stone in a setting that is not prepared for the weight of the diamond, ruby, or pearl that you possess? We offer proper supports for your learner to survive and thrive! (Conference 2)

Rubies Girls' Clubs (Yvonne Haskins) **Rubies: A Proverbs 31 Girls' Club**—Rubies Girls' Clubs has been designed to train girls, ages 8-18, to realize their true value, their unique design, and to become women of character, based on Proverbs 31:10-31 and Titus 2. Come learn all about Rubies and how to use the step-by-step curriculum to start your own club! (Ardmore 1)

Session 8: Friday, 4:20 – 5:20 pm

Little Shoes Academy (Melissa Jenkins & Kathy Lawson) **Chaos to Control**—This workshop helps organize the madness that is teaching a preschooler. From handy teaching tips, planning lessons, and keeping it all together, we will come along side you as you develop a system that works the best in your setting. Let us walk through this journey with you. (Conference 1)

CogNatE Natural Philosophy Academy (Dr. Ralph Spraker & Dr. Michael Bosse) **CogNatE Natural Philosophy Academy**—Partnering with Southeastern University, CogNatE provides university credits (associates, bachelors, and masters degrees) in natural philosophiae, biologica (biology and chemistry), and mathematica (mathematics and physics), focusing on moral philosophiae, orthodoxia, and a scriptural paideia. (Ardmore 1)

Session 9:, Saturday, 11:00 am - Noon

Liberty University & Online Academy (Kelley Niblett) **Resources for Supplementing Your Child's Education**—Picking the right educational platform is a big decision! At Liberty University Online Academy, we want to partner with you as you make that choice. Our program is flexible and designed to work for all families. Come discover our full-time, supplemental, and dual enrollment programs. (Conference 1)

Educate for Life (Jayson Payne) **The Amazing Scientific Accuracy of the Bible**—According to recent research, 72% of Generation Z, those born between 2000-2015, don't believe that church teachings and science are compatible. This session will cover 7 amazing scientific facts recorded in the Bible thousands of years before modern science discovered them. (Conference 2)

Forsyth County Homeschool Chorus (Celeste Watson & Christin Barnhardt) **Forsyth County Homeschool Choir Open Rehearsal (ages 6-12)**—Join an open choir rehearsal for students ages 6-12 and their parents—no experience necessary! We'll be having a great time singing together! Our directors, Celeste Watson & Christin Barnhardt, have over 30 years of experience teaching young children to sing. (Ardmore 1)

Session 10:, Saturday, 12:20 – 1:20 pm

Engage 360 Ministries (Matt Schmidt) **Equipping Students to Be Confident Ambassadors for the Gospel**—Christian families desire to keep their kids safe within the Christian faith. While this is a reasonable concern given the myriad of challenges in the world, we need to do more than keep them safe. We need to equip them to become confident, humble, and brave ambassadors for the Gospel. (Conference 1)

Forsyth County Homeschool Chorus (Celeste Watson & Christin Barnhardt) **Forsyth County Homeschool Choir Open Rehearsal (age 13-19s)**—Join an open choir rehearsal for students ages 13-19. Musical experience is helpful but not required. We'll be focusing on developing vocal health and part singing. Our directors, Celeste Watson & Christin Barnhardt, have over 30 years of experience training choral musicianship. (Ardmore 1)

Session 11:, Saturday 1:40 – 2:40 pm

Engage 360 Ministries (Matt Schmidt) **How We Can Know Christianity Is True**—Christian parents desire for their children be grounded in the truth of Christianity but are often overwhelmed at the breadth of apologetics resources and topics. In this workshop, starting from the Gospel, we will focus on the most essential elements that show us Christianity is true. (Conference 1)

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