

MENTOR PROGRAM FORM

What is a Mentor?

A mentor is someone who is available to be a "cheerleader" to a homeschooling mom. The choice to homeschool is essentially an acultural decision and many times families choosing this course find that their extended families, friends, co-laborers, and church communities simply do not understand the choice and seize on any difficulty encountered to exhort the family to "put those children in school, then you won't have that problem!"

The mentor is available to come alongside of the new homeschooler, encourage her to persevere, to show her how normal these struggles are, and to be a living example that tomorrow will come and homeschooling will be easier.

The mentor is not there to tell the new homeschooler "how to homeschool" or what curriculum to use, or what kind of schedule is best for "all" families. She is certainly welcome to share what has worked in her own family and why. The goal of the mentor, though, is to encourage the homeschooling family to find a path that works for that family and to be ready to encourage the next new homeschooler to come along.

The mentor is also someone who can help the new member become acclimated to MDHSA, informing them how MDHSA works, what programs and services are provided to assist families, and who to contact for specific information for each program.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, or obtaining a mentor for your home education program, please check below, and mail the completed form to the MDHSA office.

I would like to have a mentor.

I am willing to be a mentor.

If you are willing to become a mentor:

Mentor Qualifications

A conviction that parents are God-ordained to meet the needs of their children, even though the parents may, from time to time, need to seek the assistance of others.

A conviction that each family must choose its own path before the Lord, and not try to compel others to follow the path the Lord has shown them.

A conviction that it is the parents' privilege to serve their children.

If you would like to have a mentor:

You will receive notification of who your mentor is, either by phone, e-mail, or mail. It is up to the mentor or the mentoree to contact each other. If you do not hear from your mentor within two weeks of learning their identity, it is certainly permissible for you to call her and introduce yourself. Please remember that a mentor is also a homeschooling mom, and is very busy.

An "official" mentor will be provided for one school year only, as after that time s/he may be assigned to another person. Obviously, a friendship may continue as long as the parties involved wish! After that time, we hope the "mentoree" will sign up to be a mentor for a new member.

Contact Information (only give e-mail if you check it often).

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# _____

E-Mail Address _____

Grades / Ages of the children you are currently homeschooling: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Mentor Name

Phone Number

E-Mail

Membership Year

Year Assigned