

General Resources

- *Kathy Kuhl, *Homeschooling Your Struggling Learner*. Staying Sane as You Homeschool. Available via my website or Amazon. *Learn Differently* e-Newsletter: book reviews and tips. www.LearnDifferently.com
- *Carol Barnier: *How to Get Your Child Off the Refrigerator and onto Learning*. 2000. *The Big WHAT NOW Book of Learning Styles*. 2009. Sign up for Carol Barnier's newsletter: <http://sizzlebop.com/>
- *Melinda Boring. *Heads Up Helping: Teaching Tips and Techniques for Working with ADD, ADHD, and Other Children with Challenges*. ISBN 978-1553693321.
- Chris Dendy. *Teaching Teens with ADD and ADHD*.
- Sharon Hensley, *Home Schooling Children with Special Needs* addresses all kinds of special needs. Get the new 2009 edition. www.AlmadenValleyChristianSchool.com
- Joyce Herzog, *Choosing and Using Curriculum* ISBN 1887225226 *Learning in Spite of Labels* ISBN 1882514130. http://joyceherzog.info/Joyce_Herzog/Welcome.html
- Maggie Hogan, Kathleen Julicher, and Janice Baker. *Gifted Children at Home*.
- Judith Munday. *Teaching Your Special Needs Student: Strategies & Tools that Really Work*, 2007. *The Student Education Plan: A Preparation Guide*. www.heav.org.
- Joe and Connie Sutton. *Strategies for Struggling Learners: A Guide for the Teaching Parent*. ISBN: 0964568411. Out of print, but still on Amazon.
- www.hslda.org/hs/specialneeds/ Home School Legal Defense Association offers special needs advice, newsletter, & rents tests to members.
- NATHHAN (NATIONAL cHallenged Homeschoolers Associated Network) www.nathhan.com
- Consider talking to a special education consultant: Judi Munday, <http://www.hishelpinschool.com/>, Sharon Hensley <http://www.almadenvalleychristianschool.com/>, sharon@avcsbooks.com (see their books above) and I consult long distance, among others.
- Understood.org
- Drs. Brock & Fennete Eide, *The Mislabeled Child* and *Dyslexic Advantage*.
- DyslexicAdvantage.org

Not Your Ordinary Textbooks

- DeAnna Horstmeier. *Teaching Math to People with Down Syndrome and Other Hands-On Learners* (Topics in Down Syndrome) 2 volumes, Woodbine House.
- Harold Jacobs' textbooks: *Elementary Algebra*; *Geometry: Seeing, Doing Understanding*, and *Mathematics: A Human Endeavor: A Book For Those Who Think They Don't Like the Subject*. Incorporates creative thinking, regular review, cartoons.
- Winston Grammar, very tactile and clear.
- Critical Thinking Books and software (www.criticalthinking.com) has many brain-building products. Their *Editor in Chief* series gives practice in proofreading.

- High school texts that are easy to read: High Noon, AVCS, Remedia, Attainment Books, Globe Fearon books from Pearson.

A Few Examples of Assistive Technology

- Best set of resources: Joan Green's site, www.innovativespeech.com & in her book.
- Text-to-speech readers, like www.naturalreaders.com/, which has a free version.
- Digital voice recorders help students who cannot take notes.
- Software turns spoken words into text. 1) SpeakQ *Free 30 day trial of WordQ* at www.wordq.com 2) Dragon Naturally Speaking, speakingnaturally.com/ 3) MacSpeech Dictate:, www.macspeech.com
- Recorded books: 1) Bookshare.org. 2) www.LearningAlly.org (formerly Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic) 3) Audio books.
- SmartPen records audio & links it to notes, can be uploaded www.livescribe.com
- Key to Access: fits on your key ring, text to speech software, talking word processor, voice recorder, & more. www.readingmadeez.com/products/
- Tools to help with focus, sensory integration, & organization: www.headsupnow.com

A Few Helps With Reading: See chapter 18 of *Homeschooling Your Struggling Learner* for advice on which to use. For those with less severe dyslexia, 2 examples:

- School Specialty Intervention: online workshops and books & workbooks: *Alphabetic Phonics* & other Orton-Gillingham based materials & training, *Reasoning & Reading*, *Explode the Code* series, *Beyond the Code* series (comprehension), and various readers. intervention.schoolspecialty.com
- Barton uses videos to teach you how to teach reading bartonreading.com/

Online curriculum

- Verticy Learning is a joint project of Calvert Curriculum and the Jemicy School (for kids with learning disabilities). <http://www.verticylearning.org/>
- www.time4learning.com
- www.spellingcity.com/
- Free trial of ALEKS, an online math program K-12 <http://www.aleks.com/webform/>

Other Resources

- Tammy Glaser blogs about teaching her 22-year-old autistic daughter at home since 1995. <http://aut2bhomeincarolina.blogspot.com/>
- Melinda Boring's website <http://www.headsupnow.com/> also has a useful blog.
- *Timetimer.com makes a visual 60-minute timer, great for those who have trouble judging time as it passes. Various sizes, some with optional beep sound.

Online support: search "homeschool" + your child's challenge on yahoo groups.com and Facebook. Don't believe everything you read, but you'll find some fellow travelers.