***Support Groups Serving Families in Clay County, Florida:***

**Clay County Facebook Page**: <https://www.facebook.com/ClayCountyHomeschool>: The purpose of this page is to educate and help connect homeschool parents in Clay County Florida.

**Clay County Homeschooling**: http://claycountyhomeschooling.blogspot.com/
Home education resources for those in and around Clay County, Florida

**Classical Conversations**combines the classical tools of learning and a Biblical Worldview in order to impact the world for God's glory.  Offering three program levels, Classical Conversations encourages, equips and empowers parents and students along their entire journey of home education.  The Foundations Program (4yr-6th grade) lays a firm foundation of memory work in history, geography, science, math, Latin and English Grammar. In addition to the memory work, students participate in public speaking, science projects and fine arts activities. The Essentials Program (4th-6th grade) is a complete study of language arts with grammar and writing as well as fun math games.  The Challenge Program (7th-12th grade) offers students learning skills in grammar, exposition and composition, research, rhetoric, debate and logic within various subjects.  As a college preparatory program with emphasis on research, writing and public speaking, students will be equipped to present and use their knowledge wisely. As a classical Christian community our mission is to know God and to make Him known.  To find a North Florida Community near you visit [www.classicalconversations.com](http://www.classicalconversations.com/)  and enter your zip code.

**FPEA**: The Florida Parent-Educators Association exists solely to serve homeschooling families in Florida. It executes that mission through support for the legal right to homeschool, local school board education and interaction, support group networking, a state convention, local conferences and events, informative communications, and individual encouragement, all in accordance with Judeo-Christian principles. [www.fpea.com](http://www.fpea.com)

**HERI:** Home Education Resources and Information is a volunteer organization of homeschooling parents whose goal is to strengthen families by providing resources and networks for success and to promote unity and support within local communities. HERI offers yearly curriculum convention, used book sale, group testing, senior activities and graduation, a working library and other activities and resources to support home school families. [www.herijax.com](http://www.herijax.com)

**Homeschooling by Faith**
Homeschooling by Faith is a Christian group serving the Clay County area.  We maintain a Facebook group for regular communication among members.  Group members are free to plan field trips, seasonal parties or other celebrations, mom's nights, park days, workshops and other similar activities. Contact: Lisa glasnapp2(at)gmail.com

**Life Christian**: Life Christian offers group testing in Clay County for homeschoolers as well as transcript and consultation services for high school students. Contact Vanessa vanmar134(at)gmail.com

**Pinewood Homeschool Ministry:** A ministry of Pinewood Presbyterian Church to support homeschooling parents and their children. Support group meetings for parents are held monthly on the 3rd Thurs. of the month at 7p.m. at Pinewood Presbyterian church. Field trips and gatherings are organized by members as desired. You do not need to be a member of Pinewood Presbyterian to join.

Contact: Megan the-oneill-bunch(at)comcast.net

***Support Groups Serving Families in Duval County, Florida:***

**Arlington Explorers** - The Arlington Explorers (AE) is an eclectic homeschool support group serving Arlington and surrounding areas that meets for weekly park dates, monthly field trips, and quarterly service projects.  Additionally, we offer opportunities to order from Scholastic Book Club and an end of the year party/open house for our kids to show off their best work to family members, friends, and each other.  Although the majority of our families in AE are Christian, affiliation with a specific church or denomination is not required.  Our members attend a wide variety of churches and use an equally wide variety of curriculums.  There is no fee to join the group (other than the cost of field trips and events) or a minimum of activities that one must attend.  If you have any questions or wish to be added to the e-mail list, please feel free to contact us at Meleah [meleahj(at)comcast.n](http://meleahj(at)comcast.n)et. Our web site is : [www.arlingtonexplorers.org](http://www.arlingtonexplorers.org/)

**Classical Conversations**combines the classical tools of learning and a Biblical Worldview in order to impact the world for God's glory.  Offering three program levels, Classical Conversations encourages, equips and empowers parents and students along their entire journey of home education.  The Foundations Program (4yr-6th grade) lays a firm foundation of memory work in history, geography, science, math, Latin and English Grammar. In addition to the memory work, students participate in public speaking, science projects and fine arts activities. The Essentials Program (4th-6th grade) is a complete study of language arts with grammar and writing as well as fun math games.  The Challenge Program (7th-12th grade) offers students learning skills in grammar, exposition and composition, research, rhetoric, debate and logic within various subjects.  As a college preparatory program with emphasis on research, writing and public speaking, students will be equipped to present and use their knowledge wisely. As a classical Christian community our mission is to know God and to make Him known.  To find a North Florida Community near you visit [www.classicalconversations.com](http://www.classicalconversations.com/)  and enter your zip code.

**CrossPointe Co-op** - Our primary mission of CrossPointe Co-op is to glorify God! Secondary to this, is providing excellent academic instruction to further enhance each childs skills to become confident individuals in fulfilling the purposes God has placed on his or her life. We support nursery age through the 12th grade and we meet weekly at Christ Church on St. Augustine Road. For more information contact [daviskad(at)comcast.net](http://daviskad(at)comcast.net)  [www.homschool-life.com/fl/crosspointecoop](http://www.homschool-life.com/fl/crosspointecoop)

**Fellowship of Homeschool Companions (FHC)** is a faith based group focused on families with children elementary age and younger.  We meet 3 times per month for co-op style classes.  Offerings also include weekly park days, frequent field trips, mom's night, summer activities and more.  Email for more info thesassers(at)comcast.net.

**FL SCHOLARS** (Students Choosing Homeschool Opportunities for Learning and Resources) Homeschool Group, Inc. is an educational co-op meeting in the Mandarin area of Jacksonville, FL on Monday mornings September through April, for a total of 24 classes each year. Our classes range from Montessori preschool activities on up through high school level computer programming, and everything in between. We have a mix of free classes taught by parents, and pay classes offered through outside instructors. Parental involvement is a requirement of group membership. Additionally, we offer field trips, parties, park days and Mom’s Night Out events. We have special expertise and a desire to serve gifted children, from those moderately gifted to those profoundly gifted. For more information, [flscholars(at)aol.com](http://flscholars(at)aol.com)  or[www.homeschool-life.com/fl/scholars](http://www.homeschool-life.com/fl/scholars)

**Mandarin Christian Homeschoolers**is a large, faith-based group of families, meeting predominately in the Mandarin area.  Our General Membership is open to all homeschoolers and includes full access to our website as well as participation in fieldtrips, park days, social activities, service projects and Mom's  Night Out events.  The children in our group range in age from infant to teenager.  MCH also sponsors a Friday Co-op with a separate and limited membership.  Co-op membership is closed at this times, but General Membership is always open.

Please e-mail [info(at)mchjax.com](http://info(at)mchjax.com) for more information, or visit our website [www.mchjax.com](http://www.mchjax.com/).

**River City Explorers** - Come explore the River City with us!  All are welcome, regardless of religious afflialiation; we value diversity.  Our goal is for kids all over Jacksonville, grades K-12, to have fun socializing, exploring and learning together.  Field trips are twice per month and there is no requirement for attendance.  There are no fees to join our group, but each family is reponsible for their own transportation, lunches and admission fees (when applicable).  Contact us at rivercityexplorers(at)gmail.com.

**River City Homeschool Adventures** - a Christian, Charlotte Mason Homeschool Group located in San Marco. Our motto is "Education is an Atmosphere, a Discipline, a Life."  Co-op members participate in classes three times per month which focus on hands-on learning opportunities, fine arts, Shakespeare studies and more. Other RCHA events include weekly Park Play Days, monthly field trips, Mom's Night Out and occasional seminars and other events. We serve families with infants through high-school age children. Space availability is shown on our website. RCHA requires a signed statement of faith and parental participation. For more information, visit [www.rchajax.com](http://www.rchajax.com/) or email us at info(at)rchajax.com. RCHA also administers a monthly Charlotte Mason Book Discussion Group, Learning with Charlotte, that is open to ANYONE. For more information about LWC, visit [www.learningwithcharlotte.weebly.com](http://www.learningwithcharlotte.weebly.com/) or email  LWC(at)rchajax.com.

**S.P.I.C.E. (Supporting Parents In Children's Education)** - K-high school; monthly field trips throughout Northeast Florida-all ages; monthly Kid's Day; meetings held at churches/community center/parks on the Westside, Southside and Downtown areas on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month (unless there is a scheduled field trip); sport; art; socialization; planning meeting- late July or early August; support for working moms who may not be able to attend all meetings; all activities not mandatory, but communication from members expected.  Fees: $50 per family (includes SPICE, HERI and FPEA memberships, HERI discounts); Talent Show; Science and/or Geography Fair and end of year Promotion/Graduation.  Join us and add "S.P.I.C.E." to you life!!  Contact Lora at  Loralb(at)comcast.net.

**Summit Homeschool Co-Op**-Our purpose is to provide a Christ centered cooperative learning and social experience by combining adult gifts and talents to meet the needs of older homeschooled students (6th -12th grade) and give an opportunity of growth and service to all who participate.  We are an academic Co-op located in the Mandarin area meeting one day per week (Tuesdays) with 5 class periods approximately 1 1/2 hours each.  The teaching responsibility is shared by the parents and you are free to choose which and how many classes your student takes.  For more information go to [www.summithomeschool.com](http://www.summithomeschool.com/) or contact Wanda at  wanda(at)mooresmailbox.com for more info.