



TRANSCRIPT

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Title: Community Home Education Program

- C.H.E.P. is the Community Home Education Program. We're the Orange County Department of Education's premier home-based independent study program. We're designed to support students of parents who wish to learn at home. The community at C.H.E.P. is best described as family-based. Our teachers become actually a part of the learning structure and part of the home. They work with the parents in terms of creating an academic environment and goals that support and engage the students.

- Our job is to partner with the parents to facilitate their education with their child and to give them the necessary tools that they're going to need to teach their child at home, but we also don't want it to be school at home. We want them to be able to experience real-life opportunities and to learn from those types of things, rather than just textbooks themselves.

- One of the great advantages of C.H.E.P. is that we do provide the basics. We want to make sure that the students have the foundations and the fundamentals to be academically successful, and we do that by providing curriculum, tutoring, classes, social activities to help develop the students, assessments, accountabilities. We show parents the best way to determine how well their students are learning each day, how to plan lessons, and how to ensure that their students are not only learning but engaged and able to apply the learning that they have. What might be surprising about homeschooling at C.H.E.P. is that we also provide classes, workshops, and trainings for parents and for students. Now, these are not only just academically-centered, they're socially-centered, and they're designed to make sure that the students can apply their learning, make new friends, and have the opportunity to connect with other students who are learning like they do so that those relationships can continue once they leave the site and so they have the opportunity to support and encourage one another, because the C in C.H.E.P. does stand for community, and that's the heart of our program. One of the best things about the C.H.E.P. program is seeing not only the child evolve and develop, but also seeing the parent as the teacher. Sometimes parents forget that they actually are their child's very first teacher, and we want to take that, and we want them to grow from that. They know their child, they know their strengths, and we are there to hold their hand and to help them develop a very special and unique relationship with their child, because they not only serve to develop the academics, they serve to deepen their love, their relationship, their support, and to build the family structure, as well. Our goal is to have a place where parents can go that is conveniently located near your home so that you can become really involved and get very connected with your C.H.E.P. teacher. To find out more about the C.H.E.P. program, please visit our website or stop by one of our three sites. We'd love to see you and have a chance to talk with you about our program and what C.H.E.P. can offer you and your child.