



 **Level Up Workshop: Parents Are the Primary Educators**

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## Parents as Primary Educators: Helpful Websites

Parents are their children's first and most important teachers.

Here is a curated list of websites that provide resources, tools, and guidance to help you in this vital role.

**Parents as Teachers (PAT):** Evidence-based home-visiting model that supports parents from pregnancy through kindergarten. Offers free play & learn resources, milestones, and parent guidance.

 <https://parentsasteachers.org>

**ResponsibleHomeschooling.org:** Guides and resources for homeschooling parents, including educational theory, legal information, and practical tips.

 <https://responsiblehomeschooling.org/guides/resources-for-homeschool-parents/>

**Homeschool.com:** Wide variety of free tools, printables, curriculum reviews, and support for parents supplementing or homeschooling.

 <https://www.homeschool.com/resources/>

**Love and Logic:** Articles & strategies for discipline, motivation, responsibility, and building a positive home learning environment.

 <https://www.loveandlogic.com>

**Time4Learning:** PreK-12 online curriculum with parent planning tools, lesson tracking, and supplemental learning support.

 <https://www.time4learning.com>

**National Parenting Education Network (NPE):** Information sharing, networking, and directories of parenting-education programs across the U.S.

 <https://npen.org>

*✦ Remember: The most powerful classroom is your home, and the best teachers are loving, intentional parents.*

## Websites for African-Centered and African American Education

### 1. Brown Mamas Homeschooling Resources

Website: [<https://brownmamas.com/resource/black-homeschooler-websites/>]

Focus: Black homeschooling & parenting

Why It Matters: Offers lesson plans, reschooling guides, and culturally relevant tools for Black families.

### 2. Kamali Academy

Website: [<https://brownmamas.com/resource/black-homeschooler-websites/>]

Focus: African-centered curriculum

Why It Matters: Focuses on African history, mental math, and self-determination rooted in Pan-African values.

### 3. African American Homeschool Moms

Website: [<https://brownmamas.com/resource/black-homeschooler-websites/>]

Focus: Community & curriculum

Why It Matters: Includes TED Talks, Facebook groups, and practical tips for Black homeschoolers.

### 4. Sista Sense Web Guide

Website: [<https://www.sistasense.com/the-best-websites-for-black-parents-and-children/>]

Focus: Afrocentric learning tools

Why It Matters: A downloadable guide with 200+ websites for Black parents, students, and educators.

### 5. Ubongo Kids

Website: [<https://brownmamas.com/resource/black-homeschooler-websites/>]

Focus: African edutainment

Why It Matters: Offers animated videos and apps that teach emotional intelligence, math, and more.

### 6. The Black Homeschool

Website: [<https://brownmamas.com/resource/black-homeschooler-websites/>]

Focus: History & advocacy

Why It Matters: Shares articles on Black educational history and homeschooling strategies.

## **Books by and for the African Diaspora**

1. **Brown Sugar Baby** – Kevin Lewis

Celebrates Black motherhood and early bonding.

2. **I Am Enough** – Grace Byers

Affirmation of self-worth and identity for young girls.

3. **Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut** – Derrick Barnes

Honors Black boyhood and the pride of a fresh haircut.

4. **Africa Is Not a Country** – Margy Burns Knight

Dispels myths and teaches about the diversity of African nations.

5. **The ABCs of Black History** – Rio Cortez

A poetic journey through Black history and culture.

6. **Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History** – Vashti Harrison

Spotlights trailblazing Black women across generations.

7. **My People** – Langston Hughes

A lyrical celebration of Black beauty and resilience.

## Websites for Parent-Led Education

### 1. Scholastic Parents

Website: [<https://www.scholastic.com/parents.html>]

Focus: Reading & literacy

Why It's Helpful: Offers book lists, activities, and tips for building strong literacy habits at home.

### 2. PBS Learning Media

Website: [<https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/>]

Focus: All subjects

Why It's Helpful: Free videos, games, and printables aligned with school curricula.

### 3. Funbrain

Website: [<https://www.funbrain.com/>]

Focus: Math & reading

Why It's Helpful: Interactive games that make learning fun and accessible.

### 4. Code.org

Website: [<https://www.code.org/>]

Focus: Computer science

Why It's Helpful: Teaches kids coding through engaging, themed activities.

### 5. Artful Parent

Website: [<https://artfulparent.com/>]

Focus: Creativity & art

Why It's Helpful: Encourages artistic expression with easy, family-friendly projects.

### 6. FreeRice

Website: [<https://www.freerice.com/>]

Focus: Vocabulary & global awareness

Why It's Helpful: Kids learn while donating rice to those in need—education meets service.

## **Books That Equip and Inspire Parents**

1. The Whole-Brain Child – Daniel J. Siegel & Tina Payne Bryson

Neuroscience-based parenting strategies for emotional and cognitive growth.

2. Good Inside – Dr. Becky Kennedy

Gentle parenting with a focus on connection and boundaries.

3. How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk – Adele Faber & Elaine Mazlish

Communication techniques that build trust and cooperation.

4. Simplicity Parenting – Kim John Payne

Reducing overwhelm and creating rhythm in family life.

5. The Montessori Toddler – Simone Davies

Practical ways to foster independence and curiosity in young children.

6. Raising Good Humans – Hunter Clarke-Fields

Mindful parenting rooted in compassion and emotional intelligence.