



Unschooling To University

Relationships Matter Most In A World Crammed With Curriculum™

This keynote or breakout is based on the newly released book, and will educate participants on the value of teachers, parents and caregivers in the lives of children when they already have the world's knowledge in the device at their fingertips. Judy will include topics such as motivation, non-punitive parenting, Self-Directed Education (SDE) in the classroom and home, bullying, toxic stress, and more. Based on the traditional work of A.S. Neill, John Holt, Thomas Gordon, Carl Rogers and John Taylor Gatto, and more recently David Elkind, Gordon Neufeld, and Sir Ken Robinson, explore how to create an enriching environment in a digital world, where children love to learn through play, projects, volunteering, field trips, video games, travel, mentorship and employment. Available as a 1-3 hour presentation.

This talk is for:

1. Educators looking at new ways to motivate children
2. Parents looking for educational options inside and outside the traditional school system
3. Anyone who works or lives with children

Participants will:

- Understand the philosophy, logistics and research of self-directed education (SDE) and how it can replace formal government-directed education during the "school" years.
- Identify the 3 necessary components for a successful educational experience.
- Distinguish 6 key differences between teacher-directed and self-directed education.
- Discover how self-directed education fits with brain and child development stages.
- Learn 60 key academic, social, emotional and physical benefits of a self-directed education.

Judy Arnall, BA, DTM, CCFE is a Distinguished Toastmaster keynote speaker, and Certified Family Life Educator who specializes in brain and child development, and non-punitive parenting and education practices. She is the bestselling author of 5 print books and a DVD, including *Discipline Without Distress*, *Plugged-In Parenting*, *Parenting With Patience*, *The Last Word on Parenting Advice*, *Attachment Parenting Tips Raising Toddlers To Teens* and the latest release, *Unschooling To University*. She also teaches family communication at The University of Calgary, Continuing education, and has taught at Alberta Health Services for 13 years. Judy is an expert for Mothering.com, Today's Parent magazine, CTV Alberta Prime Time, Global TV, Parents magazine and Scholar's Choice. She is the founder of Unschooling Canada Association, and the unschooling parent of 5 adult children, 3 of whom graduated university so far.