

Homeschool Co-ops

How to Start Them, Run Them and Not Burn Out

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Starting a Co-op

- Pray
- Pick like-minded people
 - President/Director
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer



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First Meeting

- Four W's:
 - What
 - Where
 - When
 - Who
- Two C's
 - Cost
 - Curriculum



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Write a purpose statement

- We are...
- And we do...



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Launch your program !

- Advertise
- Have details
 - Time
 - Place
 - Cost
- Open a checking account



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Running a co-op

- A Board
- Bylaws
- Create a Budget
- Keep Learning



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A Board

"Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people.... They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone."
Numbers 11:16

- Minimum of three people
 - Director, Treasurer, Secretary
- Committees to handle specific projects
- Schedule meetings
- Keep minutes

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Bylaws

- Rules of how an organization will operate
 - Who are members? Requirements?
 - Do members vote? On what?
 - How often are meetings held?
 - How are board members chosen?
- Sample bylaws at [HomeschoolCPA.com/Leader Tools](http://HomeschoolCPA.com/LeaderTools)

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Create a Budget

- Sources of Income
- Expenses
- Extra for uncertainties

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Avoid Burnout

- Get help. Form a Board
 - Do not repeat Moses' mistake
- Have Guidelines and Policies
 - Avoid making decisions in crisis
- Focus on your purpose
 - Your co-op cannot be all things to all people

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Read about

- Conflict Resolution (www.Peacemaker.net)
- Insurance
- Paying Independent Contractors
- Registering with your state if you do fund raising
- 501c3 Tax Exempt status

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Resources

- *Homeschool Co-ops* book & ebook
- HomeschoolCPA.com
 - ebooks on Money Management and Tax Exempt status
- Yahoo Group for Homeschool Leaders
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