

# **FAMILY PASSION PROJECTS: UTILIZING GENIUS HOUR TO LEARN, GROW, AND SERVE TOGETHER**

## Webinar Facilitator's Guide



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# *Family Passion Projects: Utilizing Genius Hour to Learn, Grow, and Serve Together*

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- How do you think this type of learning might have a positive impact on your family?
- What impact might a family passion project have on your gifted learner(s)?
- What are some outcomes that you would like to see from a family passion project?
- What challenges might need to be addressed in working on a family passion project?

- What are some practical things that your family will need to do to prioritize working on a passion project?
- How might the 6 Ps of Genius Hour Framework help your family as you work on a family passion project?
- What questions do you still have?

# The 6 Ps of **GENIUS HOUR**

- **Passion:** What do we, as a family, want to learn more about or change in our community?
- **Plan:** How much time will this take? What materials will we need and who will our outside expert be?
- **Pitch:** How can you share your idea to receive feedback from others about what you are wanting to accomplish?
- **Project:** What do you need to do and how do you need to do it to make progress on your project?
- **Product:** What will you create, make or design to share with others?
- **Presentation:** How can you present what you've learned with others so that they might benefit from the project that you have completed?

## **TYPES OF PROJECTS:**

- **Mastery Project:** An opportunity to learn a new skill or become better at something
- **Kindness Project:** An opportunity to impact someone else in a positive way
- **Innovation Project:** An opportunity to create something new or make something better
- **Perspective Project:** An opportunity to change your own perspective or the perspective of someone else

# About Andi McNair

Today's learners are not motivated by checking off boxes and learning things that they can easily access on their digital devices. Instead, they want to make an impact on the world around them. Every learner has a passion and purpose and it's important that we provide them the opportunity to pursue those things as they learn and grow as gifted learners. Andi believes that education is about so much more than good grades and honor roll. It's about giving our learners the opportunity to understand how what they've learned can be used beyond the wall of the classroom and give them the opportunity to impact others in a positive way.



## LEARN MORE ABOUT ANDI

Andi was a classroom teacher for 16 years before pursuing her passion to change education by sharing practical ways to engage and empower today's gifted learners. She is now a published author, international speaker, gifted education specialist and digital innovation specialist at ESC Region 12 in Waco, Texas.

Andi is also the mom to gifted learners and has learned much of what she knows and shares from listening to her own children share about their school and life experience. You can connect with Andi by following her on Instagram @a\_meaningful\_mess or checking out her website at [andimcnair.com](http://andimcnair.com).

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