Partnering with Pregnancy Resource Centers

Focus: Promoting local PRC’s services and resources. Offering opportunities for the community to support PRC.

Note: This program will need to be adjusted to offer the appropriate information for your local pregnancy resource center (PRC). Services and opportunities will vary depending on your college campus and your partnering PRC.

OUTLINE

Introduction
  • Welcome
  • Introduce the pregnancy resource center

About Your Local PRC
  • Serving those with unintended pregnancy
  • Serving those with stress after an abortion
  • Educating on sexual integrity and healthy relationships

PRC Services on Campus
  • All services at the center
  • Programing
  • Bulletin Boards/PR

Options for College Groups to Partner with PRC
  • Outreach on Campus
  • Service Opportunities at the Center
  • Activities in the Community
  • Programs at Local Churches/Small Groups

Conclusion
INTRODUCTION

Hello, my name is _______, and I’m working/volunteering for ________. [Pass out the information for your Pregnancy Resource Center.] For those of you who are unfamiliar with [name of PRC], [Provide a brief description of the PRC and its location].

ABOUT YOUR LOCAL PRC

* Note: Details will need to be adapted based upon your local PRC’s available services and programs.

At [PRC], we seek to do three things well. First, we seek to support men and women in the community facing an unintended pregnancy. Secondly, we seek to support men and women facing any stress after an abortion. Lastly, we seek to educate the community to build healthy relationships and enjoy sexual integrity.

All of our services are both free and confidential. We offer all the services listed on the back of this informational handout- including peer counseling, pregnancy tests, option information, first trimester ultrasounds, limited STI testing, community referrals, etc.

If a client chooses to parent, then she may enroll in our classes. If she is a first time mother, our Baby Basics classes cover labor and delivery, budgeting, food and nutrition, exercising, connecting and caring for the baby, etc. For women who have parented before, we offer a class called _____ that is a group class. At the completion of our classes, a client receives a voucher for the Baby Closet, where the client receives items to care for her new child, including diapers, clothes, wipes, socks, bottles, bibs, etc.

Post-abortion care varies according to the needs of the clients. Currently, the programs and services available to post-abortive women and men include: __________.

Lastly, [Name of PRC] seeks to educate the community on how to have healthy relationships and to enjoy sexual integrity. One of our staff members works with middle and high students in schools and in the community during the year, as well as teaches classes where participants learn about why sexual integrity matters. Our campus liaison works on campuses to
promote [Name of PRC], to oversee campus volunteers and interns. This liaison also coordinates programming and events on campus.

**PRC SERVICES ON CAMPUS**

There are a variety of services that we provide on campus. These include informational sessions and programs for RAs and student organizations, as well as help with bulletin boards. We have also hosted free pancake dinners during mid-term and exam weeks, in which someone comes to a dorm, cooks the pancakes, and passes out cards, like the one that you have, letting them know who is providing the free food. We also partner with student groups to help plan or host events that benefit clients or students on campus, such as diaper drives, baby showers, etc.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTNER WITH PRC**

Often we also have groups that partner with us in the office and on campus to help fulfill the goals of the center. These opportunities range from one time commitments to long-term relationships with PRC to support the community. These opportunities are for groups as well as individuals. People in the past have helped on campus, in the community, in the office and in churches. Some of the things that have been done in the past include:

On Campus Outreach

- Events and programs
  - Pancake dinners and social events
  - Developing and implementing programs to be used with sports teams, student groups, fraternities & sororities, etc.
- Services projects
  - Examples include:
    - Toy drives, diaper drives and baby showers for clients done with Students for Life
    - Baby HOPE Day with Chi Alpha and the Summit Church
    - Baby shower with Students for Life where items collected went toward stocking the baby closet
• Promote the PRC on campus
  o Posting flyers around campus and in the community
  o RA bulletin boards
  o Speaking with RAs and other student groups
• Making Gift Bags for local mothers
  o These bags can include bath and body accessories, lotions, journals, frames, candles, stationary, gift cards, etc.
  o Gifts may be offered as incentives to the women participating in classes and programs at the pregnancy resource center

Service Opportunities at the Center
• Cleaning
  o Done on the weekends by groups
• Compiling notebooks for classes
• Organizing the baby closet
• Helping with the Baby Bottle Campaign
• Providing dinner for a PRC group event or class

Activities in the Community
• Providing nutritious meals for new moms
• Working with PRC staff at local middle and high schools

Programs at Local Churches/Small Groups
• Ongoing Prayer needs
• Connecting with churches to help clients
  o See Client Services Director for current client needs

* Note: Adapt these lists to include the service and outreach opportunities offered by your PRC and the local community.
CONCLUSION

Does anyone have any questions?

Thank group for being able to come and speak. We appreciate being able to speak about who we are, and we looking forward to partnering with you in the future. If you choose to partner with ______, you will be joining us in helping women on your campus and in the community. With your help, together we can continue to offer real options and resources to families who need our support. Please contact us at ______ if you have any further questions or if you wish to partner with our organization.

[Specify a follow up time with leaders of the attending student groups so that they have time to discuss how they want to help in the future.]

Recommended:

- Provide brochures, flyers, and/or contact cards for students attending the event. Encourage students to take extra materials to distribute on campus.