

**Voice for Life Training**

Preparation to present the truth on life issues and represent Christian Voices for Life



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**Purpose**

- To provide training to
  - confidently present the truth on life topics and
  - effectively engage pro-choice contacts to listen to the pro-life view.
- To equip volunteers to represent CVL at fair booths and tables.
- See « Becoming a Voice for Life Volunteer » on our website.



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**Voice for Life Training**

Part I: **Audiences, Attitudes and Strategies.**

Part II: The Real Issue and Answering Pro-Choice Arguments.

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**Additional Reading, Videos**

« Becoming a Voice for Life Volunteer »

- Abortion- Coerced**
- Abortion Techniques**
- Contraception**
- Fetal Development**
- In Vitro Fertilization,**
- NaPro Technology**
- Post-abortion, Healing**

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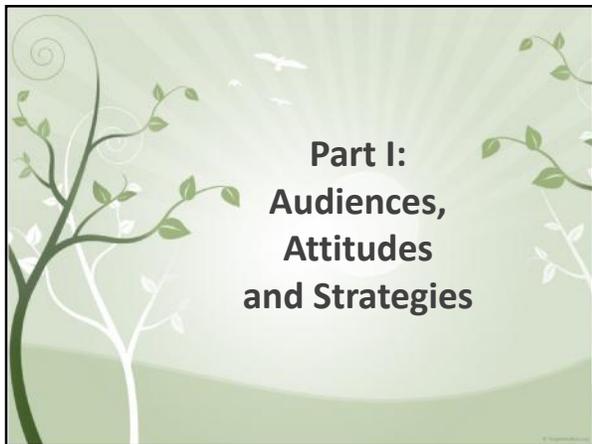
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**Part I:  
Audiences,  
Attitudes  
and Strategies**

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Involvement in a Crisis Pregnancy

- Minister rather than debate.
- Refer to:  
**PRMC: 281-232-2375**  
**fortbendpregnancy.com**  
**Option Line: optionline.org**  
**800-712-HELP**

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Post-abortion Pain and Help

- So many women are deceived or coerced
- How do they feel now?
- Healing help is available.

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Situations for debate

- At a social situation or fair
- You have some time
- Discovering personal involvement

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**Staffing a table**

- Will see pro-life support
- Lots of information on the display for anyone.
- IF someone seems interested, try to engage them in conversation.

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**Attitude: SHOW LOVE**

- To the person you are speaking to
  - LISTEN
  - **Find common ground\***
  - Calm and respectful , not judgmental
  - Don't expect instant change

\*See Common Ground without Compromise by Steve Wagner

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**Attitude: SHOW LOVE**

- To women involved in crisis pregnancies
  - We want to help BOTH mom and baby to get through the pregnancy with a positive outcome.
  - Abortion hurts women.

[www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org](http://www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org)

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**To bring up God or not?**

- If they do not have a strong faith: no.
- If you know they are a practicing Christian: yes
- You can assume no strong faith, or if led to, ask about their faith.
- Not all Christian churches teach abortion is wrong.

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**Summary so far:**

- If there is a personal involvement with a crisis pregnancy or abortion, that is not a time to discuss abortion, but to minister to the person.
- Abortion discussions may take place in a social situation or at a fair, where you have some time to listen and talk.

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**Summary so far:**

Attitude: **SHOW LOVE**

- To the person you are speaking to - **LISTEN, find common ground**
- To women in crisis pregnancies, post-abortive women

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Summary so far:

- Respect for life can be defended without bringing God into the conversation, but you may certainly appeal to the Christian view when speaking to a Christian.

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Active Listening

“Nobody cares what you know until they know that you care.”

- Making a conscious effort to hear, not only the words, but the message, the feelings

*How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen so Kids Will Talk*  
by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish

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Elements of Active Listening

1. Pay attention.
2. Show that you are listening.
3. Provide Feedback / Reflect  
“It sounds like you are saying....”
4. Defer Judgment  
Don’t interrupt with counter arguments; listen to the end.
5. Ask Good Questions.

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**Pro-life Apologetics**

- Sources:
  - Justice for All [www.jfaweb.org/home.html](http://www.jfaweb.org/home.html)
  - Life Training Institute [www.prolifetraining.com](http://www.prolifetraining.com),
  - Students for Life <http://college.studentsforlife.org/pro-life-apologetics/>

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**Pro-life Apologetics**

- Books:
  - ProLife Answers to ProChoice Arguments*  
by Randy Alcorn
  - Pro-Life 101: A Step-by-Step Guide to Making Your Case Persuasively*  
by Scott Klusendorf
- CD: *The New Conversation: Changing Hearts and Minds on Abortion* Stephanie Gray (Lighthouse Catholic Media.org)

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**The real question**

- Can I kill this, Daddy?
- Is a preborn child a human being? That is, a human person with the right to life?

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**General Strategies**

How did Jesus make His points?

- Ask questions
- Tell stories

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**General Strategies**

Do we use graphic depictions of aborted babies?

- Not on display
- Pictures do display the truth – just like pictures of the holocaust.

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**8 weeks**      **Second trimester**



**Late term**

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**General Strategies: Summary**

- Listen, ask good questions.
- Look for common ground.
- Think about how to get to the real question of the humanity of the child.
- Tell stories, ask questions.
- Graphic pictures are available to use, not required.

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