

Starting a High School Pro-Life Club



You'll need:

- ✓ A pro-life teacher
- ✓ A room for meetings
- ✓ Pregnancy and abortion related resources
- ✓ Interested group members



To begin:

- ✓ Find out how make your club official
- ✓ Contact local Right to Life association
- ✓ Recruit members
- ✓ Personally contact each interested student
- ✓ Choose a date and time
- ✓ Make an announcement and send reminders



Recruiting Members:

- Get a sign-up sheet, pens, clipboard, and fliers with club information such as meeting location, contact info, upcoming events
- Have one person at a sign-up table and another to have discussions
- On the sign-up sheet include name, phone number, email address and graduation year; fill in the first line as an example
- Welcome people individually through Facebook or email



Why Start a High School Club?

Let's be honest: starting a pro-life club in high school has its challenges. It's tough to address such a controversial issue. There will be people at your school that disagree with you; you might be afraid you'll offend someone or be unpopular because of your club. You may feel that you can't make much of a difference.

But you know that abortion takes a life. When you take a stand against abortion, you'll see that the effort is worth it. You'll see the positive change that is created when you connect with others and show them a different perspective.



Things to Know:

- How do different abortion procedures work?
- How do humans develop before birth?
- Why might someone want to have an abortion?
- Where can someone go who is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy?
- How can someone get help if they are considering an abortion or have had one?
- What is the best attitude to have when speaking with someone who is pro-abortion?
- How does science support the pro-life position?
- What does the concept of human dignity mean? Why does this matter?



Tips:

- ✓ Plan ahead and stay organized
- ✓ Keep all members involved and actively participating in events
- ✓ Learn to expect opposition and always stay calm and compassionate, even if someone is rude or upset with you
- ✓ Make sure your message is always positive, kind and non-judgmental



Running a High School Pro-Life Club



First Club Meeting

- Get to know each other
- Discuss the purpose, beliefs and goals of the group
- Create a mission statement
- Choose a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer
- Discuss and outline possible events
- Use a calendar to set dates and keep organized
- Eat and socialize



Weekly Meetings

- Create an outline of activities for each meeting
- Start with introductions and announcements
- Discuss plans for upcoming events make sure everyone has specific jobs to do
- Ask for updates on each member's tasks
- Take notes during the meeting and email to group members each week
- Members should try to bring a new person to each meeting
- Train members to dialogue about abortion and related topics; consider how to communicate with people who are pro-abortion or undecided on the issue



Club Funds

- Ask family, friends, local churches, prolife organizations, and businesses for donations
- Thank your donors, keep them up to date and invite them to club events
- Check to see if you are able to get some funding from the school
- One person or a committee should be responsible for the group's funds
- Make a list of the events your club plans to do in the year and calculate the costs of doing each of them



Organizing Events:

- ✓ Decide what major topics your group would like to focus on
- ✓ Think about effective ways to reach other students
- ✓ Designate tasks to each member (location, publicity, materials, planning, set-up etc.)
- ✓ Use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, fliers, and the school newspaper to advertise
- ✓ Make sure all members are informed about the topics you'll be covering



Event Ideas

Resource Fair: have pro-life and pregnancy support organizations set up booths in your school to inform students about their resources

Life Fair: display images or models of fetal development with descriptions of each stage

Silent No More Awareness Campaign: women who regret their abortions share their stories

Poster Campaign: design and distribute posters with your group's message

Guest Speaker: invite a pro-life speaker to give a presentation

Bake Sale: sell baked goods to fundraise for your club or a pro-life organization; have conversations with students about the club's message

Media Watch: write letters to the editors of local newspapers; check out relevant articles and blog posts

Glad You Were Born Day: have a large board and markers for people to write messages

Diaper Drive: raise money for local pregnancy care centre

Day Trip: volunteer at a local prolife office or pregnancy care centre