



# Pregnancy Resource Center of the Park Rapids Area

PO Box 759 Park Rapids, MN 56470

## GUIDELINES FOR WORKING WITH THE PRC

### Primary Goal of the PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER:

To bring the good news of Jesus Christ in both word and action to the people we meet.

### Things to Remember:

- a. We are worshipping and serving Jesus Christ. He will enable us to minister to those who come to the center. Volunteers must be continually in prayer, studying the Word and in fellowship in a local church.
- b. God is as interested in transforming volunteers' lives through the work of the center as he is in the salvation and transformation of the women and men who come to the center.
- c. While we count the number of clients who visit and/or the number of clients who do or do not have abortions, this must not become the basis of the center's definition of success.
- d. God is teaching us through all the circumstances of daily operation and outreach as well as serving on the board and in committees. The "hands-on" part of the ministry is not the only area God will use for transformation. Being faithful when there are no clients; finishing up office work, sorting clothes, etc. are tests of commitment.
- e. God may use the center to rework priorities in your life, test and strengthen you and reshape your relationships.
- f. Take the temperature of your home life often. No ministry is more important than your family, Maintain open communication as your involvement develops. Be realistic with your time commitment before the Lord.
- g. Ministries grow and change. Be flexible and open to God's leading at all times.
- h. Do not compare the progress of your development as a board member/volunteer with other volunteers. You have a unique set of gifts that God will strengthen and refine as he transforms all things by his grace.



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### COMMITMENT OF CARE & COMPETENCE

1. Clients are served without regard to age, race, income, nationality, religious affiliation, disability, or other arbitrary circumstances.
2. Clients are treated with kindness, compassion, and in a caring manner.
3. Clients always receive honest and open answers.
4. Client pregnancy tests are distributed and administered in accordance with all applicable laws.
5. Client's information is held in strict and absolute confidence. Releases and permissions are obtained appropriately. Client information is only disclosed as required by law and when necessary to protect the client or others against imminent harm.
6. Clients receive accurate information about pregnancy, fetal development, lifestyle issues, and related concerns.
7. We do not offer, recommend or refer abortions or abortifacients, but are committed to offering accurate information about abortions procedures and risks.
8. All our advertising and communication are truthful and honest and accurately describe the services we offer.
9. We provide a safe environment by screening all volunteers and staff interacting with clients.
10. We are governed by a board of directors and operate in accordance with our articles of incorporation, by laws, and stated purpose and mission.
11. We comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements regarding employment, fundraising, financial management, taxation, and public disclosure, including the filing of all applicable government reports in a timely manner.
12. Medical services are provided in accordance with all applicable laws, and in accordance with pertinent medical standards, under the supervision and direction of a licensed physician.\*
13. All of our staff, board members, and volunteers receive appropriate training to uphold these standards.

*\*not all of our pregnancy resource centers offer medical services. If you have questions about the services offered at this pregnancy center, please ask to speak to a center representative.*



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### **Potential Volunteer Positions (not all available)**

#### **PEER COUNSELOR**

Responsibilities include

- Crisis counseling and presenting options
- Healthy relationships
- Incentive program-infant care, parenting and life skills
- Bible study

Requirements

- 24 hr. volunteer training with additional on the job training
- Time commitment of 4 hours per week

#### **POST ABORTION FACILITATOR**

Responsibilities

- Lead Forgiven and Set Free Bible study (10 weeks)

Requirements

- 24 hour volunteer training plus on the job training

#### **ABSTINENCE COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Responsibilities

- Schedule and lead committee meetings
- Aggressively recruit committee members and speakers

#### **ABSTINENCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

Responsibilities

- Attend committee meetings, help Client Services Director institute the program
- Contacts schools and other youth groups to schedule speaker presentations
- Completes follow-up paperwork regarding the presentations

#### **ABSTINENCE SPEAKER**

Responsibilities

- Present the message of prevention and sexual purity to youth
- Attend committee meetings

Requirements

- Completes Abstinence Speaker Training (teaching/healthcare credentials needed to meet school requirements)

### ABSTINENCE COMMITTEE MEMBER

#### Responsibilities

- Attend committee meetings
- Give input and help where needed

### CHURCH LIAISON:

#### Responsibilities include:

- Promoting PRC events and fundraisers in your church or other churches (with the Pastor's permission)

*While completing the entire 24-hour training is not a requirement, completing a 6 hour portion of it would give greater understanding of the PRC ministry as a whole.*

### MATERIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Organizing and cleaning clothing/items for clients and babies.

### NEWSLETTER/ WEBSITE SUPPORT \*Currently done by Executive Director

- Help to write newsletter
- Help to keep website and other media current.

### PRC BOARD MEMBER

Meet monthly with the Board to give general direction to the ministry

Be actively involved in promoting PRC to those around you.

Contribute ideas for successful fundraising, we rely upon community funding.

Be willing and able to work with board members, staff and other volunteers at various fundraising events.

Help ensure the PRC remains on mission and striving towards agreed-upon goals.





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### Mission Statement

The mission of the Pregnancy Resource Center is to affirm the value of human life by providing a network of care to those experiencing pregnancy-related crisis and by compassionately presenting biblical truth resulting in changed lives to the glory of God.

### Vision Statement

It is the purpose of this Pregnancy Resource Center to provide support and resources necessary to help those who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy bring those pregnancies to full term. An awareness of the emotional, physical and practical needs of those involved in an unplanned pregnancy is fundamental in meeting those needs, including post-abortion syndrome. To achieve this end, the PRC will have adequately trained peer counselors who believe that sanctity of all human life exists from conception to natural death. The peer counselors will share the gospel as the Holy Spirit leads. The PRC will not refer or recommend contraceptive information; but will teach the biblical principles for abstinence for the unwed. The PRC recognizes the importance of adoption as a possibility in meeting the needs of the child and natural mother in some situations, and will provide information and assistance with adoption referrals. The PRC will provide counseling and study of the Bible for post-abortive women.

### Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return to power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential, and that this salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and not as a result of good works.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and to perform good works.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of the believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
8. We believe that ALL human life is a gift from God, made in His image and begins at the moment of conception.



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### Statement of Principle

1. The Pregnancy Resource Center is an outreach ministry of Jesus Christ through His church. Therefore, the Pregnancy Resource Center embodied in its volunteers, is committed to presenting the gospel of our Lord Jesus to women and their families with unplanned pregnancies--both in word and in deed. Commensurate with this purpose, those who labor as Pregnancy Resource Center board members, directors, employees and volunteers are expected to know Christ as their Lord and Savior.
2. The Pregnancy Resource Center is committed to providing its clients with accurate and complete information about both prenatal development and abortion.
3. The Pregnancy Resource Center is committed to integrity in dealing with clients, earning their trust, and providing promised information and services. The Pregnancy Resource Center denounces any form of deception in its corporate advertising or individual conversations with its clients.
4. The Pregnancy Resource Center is committed to assisting women to carry to term by providing emotional support and practical assistance. Through the provision of God's people and the community at large, women may face the future with hope, and plan constructively for themselves and their babies.
5. The Pregnancy Resource Center does not discriminate in providing services because of race, creed, gender, national origin, age, or marital status of its clients.
6. The Pregnancy Resource Center does not recommend, provide, or refer for abortion or abortifacients.
7. The Pregnancy Resource Center always helps free of charge.
8. The Pregnancy Resource Center is committed to creating awareness within the local community of the needs of pregnant women and to providing support and resources necessary to carry out those pregnancies to full term.
9. The Pregnancy Resource Center does not recommend, provide, or refer for contraceptives. Individuals seeking contraceptive information will be encouraged to seek counsel from their pastor and physician.
10. The Pregnancy Resource Center recognizes the validity of adoption as one alternative to abortion but is not biased toward adoption when compared to other life-saving alternatives. Centers are independent of adoption agencies, relating to them in the same manner as to other helpful referral sources. The Pregnancy Resource Center receives no payment of any kind from these agencies, does not enter contractual relationships with them, and does not share combined office space. Adoption agencies are not established under the auspices of the center. The Pregnancy Resource Center neither initiates nor facilitates independent adoptions, though they may refer for independent adoptions in states where it is legal.

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