



ABORTION (SANCTITY OF LIFE & BODY)

EPYMN Track Leader: Daniel Everhart

Ministry/Organizational Partner(s): Westside Pregnancy Center

Track Participation: No more than 25

TRACK DESCRIPTION

What is the Issue:

We are each created in the triune image of God—mind, body, and soul. From the moment of conception, our bodies are a dwelling place for an eternal soul. Yet we live in a culture that frequently objectifies our bodies and degrades our sexuality. Failing to respect the dignity of our bodies has led to a failure to respect even the dignity of life, dehumanizing babies in the womb. Every day in our country alone, over 3,000 preborn children are killed by abortion, and nearly 1 in 3 women and men suffer from post-abortion trauma and regret. Mothers and couples who courageously choose life for their children face many difficulties of unexpected pregnancy such as changes to their education or career plans, single parenthood, social stigmas, and a lack of support and resources.

What's being done about it:

The Westside Pregnancy Center provides proactive education and support groups to help empower women, men and families to embrace their own personal value and worth, and help them heal from abortion and other hurts. Additionally, Westside Pregnancy Center works to help women and couples facing unexpected pregnancies eliminate their crisis instead of their baby. Westside Pregnancy Center provides free, compassionate, and confidential services such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, pregnancy options advice, professional counseling, maternity clothing, emergency babysitting, abortion reversal pill, post abortion support, and other resources to help women, men, and families facing an unexpected pregnancy. Additionally, proactive education and support groups are available to help empower women, men and families to embrace their own personal value and worth and heal from abortion and other hurts. Currently, the Westside Pregnancy Center is in the process of building tiny homes to provide a place of residence for pregnant young mothers that are given the ultimatum to abort their baby or lose their shelter.

What will they do during IYW?

The Training time for this Track will be led by Deb Gray, Director of the Westside Pregnancy Center. It will provide education on the issues of unexpected pregnancy, abortion, and how the center is working to support mothers, fathers, and families in these situations. The Outreach portion of this track will give you an in-person experience of the ministry work done at Westside Pregnancy Center, including a tour of their center and hearing about the mission of the center. It will end with a site visit to the sidewalk in front of a local abortion facility 3 miles from the doorstep of the Westside Pregnancy Center, where we will pray as a group for an end to the violence of abortion, and for the babies, mothers, families, and clinic workers who are all harmed by abortion.