

## **LESSON SEVEN: OFFERING CHOICE (cont.)**

### **ABORTION**

As well as offering practical assistance and support to clients facing an unexpected pregnancy, pregnancy care centres inform and educate clients about abortion. When we speak about abortion, we must speak knowledgeably, accurately, and objectively.

Politically inflammatory language such as “murdering babies” is alienating and manipulative and should never be used. We must respect pregnancy care centre clients enough to tell them about the facts in a straightforward, sensitive, and caring manner.

We must never resort to coercion or emotional manipulation. Objectivity and neutrality are not the same thing. In offering objective help to a woman considering abortion, we are not surrendering personal convictions about abortion. Rather, we are presenting the facts about abortion as straightforwardly as possible.

PCC Client Support Training provides education on sharing accurate medical information about the risks of abortion and abortion procedures including:

Medical abortion

Surgical abortion

Emergency contraceptive pills (The Morning After Pill, plan B®)



## ADOPTION

Often the choice least discussed is adoption. Sadly, pregnancy care centre clients who are not informed of adoption may choose to have an abortion or to parent in difficult circumstances because no one discussed adoption as a positive alternative.

PCC client support training provides education on how to talk to a client about adoption. The following topics will be covered:

- Biblical basis for adoption
- Choices in adoption
- Common biases about adoption
- Dialoguing with the client
- Dealing with objections
- Aiding the healing process

## PARENTING

Parenting has losses and challenges, especially for those who are not emotionally or physically prepared or who lack a supportive community. Centres can become part of a supportive community for a client who chooses parenting; they can also be proactive and instrumental in helping her find a network of support, setting her up for future success.

Women may consider abortion because they do not feel ready, they feel incapable, or are overwhelmed by the responsibility of parenting. When a client expresses a desire to carry her baby to term, she needs realistic and positive affirmation.

PCC client support training will cover:

- Single parenting
- Couple parenting
- Community supports
- Foster care



## LESSON SEVEN REFLECTION

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