

A PLR Success Story

About 15 years ago, a pregnant high school girl came to Pregnancy & Life Resources. There was never a question of whether she would keep her baby, but she needed diapers, clothing, and other baby supplies, as money was tight. She came in monthly, sometimes for supplies, sometimes just to chat. She was often “down” and unsure about where her life was headed. She tells us now that she always left feeling much better. She vowed to make a success of her life, for herself and her children.

Today this young woman is married, has four lovely children, and just started her own business. She said that she owes much of this to us, just for being there for her over the years.

And there’s an additional blessing—her mother recently signed up as a volunteer at the PLR to give back for what we’ve done for her daughter. It doesn’t get much better than this!



Calling All LPC’s!

Are you an LPC (licensed professional counselor) licensed in the state of Illinois, or do you know another WELS or ELS member who is? When needed, our Pregnancy and Life Resources advocates would like to be able to refer clients to a trustworthy Christian counselor who shares our Bible-based principles. If you can help, please call 847-949-4443, and leave a message for Helene. Help us help people!

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A Shepherd's Message

“Can you believe it? The Smith’s are pregnant again!”

“That makes five. What are they thinking!?”

“I know. They can barely take care of the ones they already have.”

Does this conversation sound familiar? Perhaps you have been part of a similar conversation. At best these comments are well-meaning but misguided. At worst they are hypocritical coming from the mouth of a “pro-life” Christian. Let’s replay the conversation with a couple modifications:

“Can you believe it? The Smith’s are pregnant again!”

“That makes five. What was God thinking!?”

“I know. They can barely take care of the ones He has already given them.”

We would never put it like that, would we? What do we communicate to those around us when we treat pregnancy like a nuisance or a burden? What does this kind of “baby talk” teach our children? Our opinions color the views of our children. When the subject of pregnancy comes up, we have a golden opportunity to teach God’s truths. Don’t pass up the opportunity to teach your

children about the sanctity of life. Let your “baby talk” reflect the truth that life is a gift from God:

“Can you believe it? The Smith’s are pregnant again!”

“That makes five. What an amazing blessing!”

“I know. God is good!”

Excerpted from “Baby Talk – Teaching Children About the Value of Life as a Gift from God” by Mr. Tim Snyder.

To read the rest of this wonderful article,

go to christianliferesources.com,

Family Topics, Parenting.

You’ll find lots of helpful posts for parents.

Did you know?

Of the 11 pregnancy care centers in the WELS-affiliated Christian Life Resources network, **Pregnancy and Life Resources of Mundelein is the only center located in Illinois.** The others are in Arizona (1), Michigan (3), Minnesota (1), Ohio (1), and Wisconsin (4).

By living within driving distance of a pregnancy care center, **YOU have an opportunity that most WELS members don’t have:** to serve in person to promote the sanctity of life and reach hearts with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Can you smile? Can you say “hello?” Can you spare a few hours a month to greet people who come to our office? Please call us and volunteer to be a friendly face at our reception desk. **WE NEED YOU! Phone 847-949-4443.**

“If you look at the world, you’ll be distressed.

If you look within, you’ll be depressed.

If you look at God, you’ll be at rest.”

CORRIE TEN BOOM

Just Words?

Language is powerful. Words shape our thinking. They can comfort, help, and even save us.

... faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17 EHV

Words can also be used as weapons, inflicting immediate harm. Perhaps it’s even more dangerous when words are used as a poison to slowly, gradually, subtly affect our thoughts, shape our opinions, distort truth and reality.



Consider the way language is often used to misdirect and disguise, to make evil palatable.

- Instead of “abortion,” some say “reproductive freedom.”
- Instead of “killing of unborn children,” some say “safe healthcare procedure.”
- Instead of “pro-abortion,” some say “abortion rights advocate.”
- Instead of “a mother’s decision to have her unborn baby killed,” some say “a woman’s right to choose.”
- Instead of “mother,” some say “birthing person.”
- Instead of “mother and father,” some say “Parent 1 and Parent 2.”
- Instead of “killing of the elderly or disabled,” some say “euthanasia,” “death with dignity,” “mercy killing,” “assisted dying” or “end-of-life advocacy.”

Whose words are shaping your thinking? Who/what is shaping the minds and hearts of your children and grandchildren?

... do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God —what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

Romans 12:2 EHV