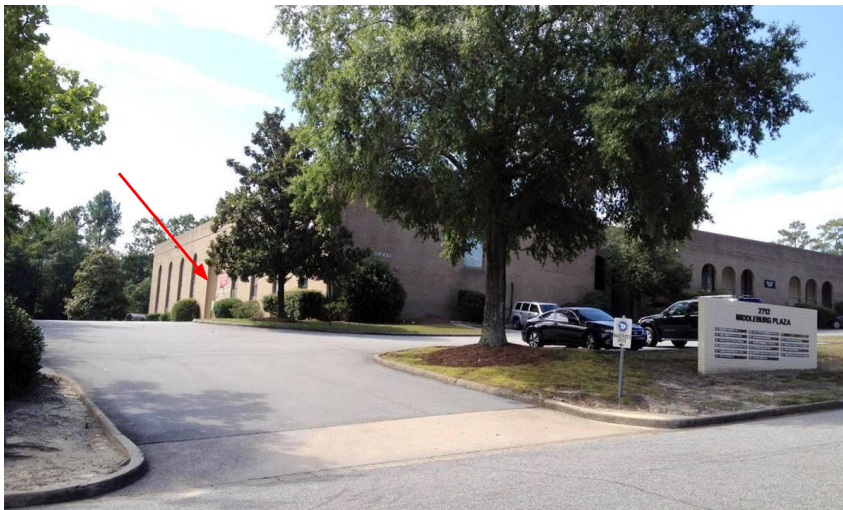




ORIENTATION TO OUTREACH AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

THE ABORTION FACILITY

Planned Parenthood: 2712 Middleburg Dr., Suite 107



Open 5 days per week, 2 days are for abortions only. The other 3 days are for services such as STI testing, pregnancy tests, scheduling abortions, and birth control.

The large arched doorway marked by the arrow is the client entrance.

WHAT TO WEAR & WHAT TO BRING

Wear comfortable, casual clothes but please avoid pro-life paraphernalia, leggings, or gym clothes. Bring:

- Water
- Hat, sunscreen, umbrella (can be very sunny)
- Jacket, gloves, hat in winter (can be very windy)
- A heart ready to pray!

If you coming just to pray, feel free to bring:

- Chair
- Handmade signs (positive messages only, please)

When you arrive, we can give you a prayer sheet if you like.



WHERE TO PARK

Park at 2719 Middleburg Dr. across the street from Planned Parenthood.

Do NOT park in any of the parking spaces of 2712 Middleburg where Planned Parenthood is located.



WHERE TO STAND



Anywhere around the block, the public right-of-way is the first 8 feet from the curb.

Use the edge of the white cement as a guide.

Do NOT go beyond the 8 feet towards Planned Parenthood or other offices - it is considered trespassing if you are there to pray or sidewalk counsel. Our ability to continue outreach is contingent upon abiding by the law.

RESTROOMS

The closest public restroom is Lizards Thicket. Turn left onto Forest Dr. It is half a mile down on the left.

3147 Forest Dr., Columbia, SC 29204

Open everyday, 6 am - 9 pm

Do not leave signs or personal items unattended.



TO FACILITATE SIDEWALK COUNSELING, PLEASE DO NOT...

...crowd or stare at clients who stop to talk.

This can jeopardize the counselor's opportunity as it is important that clients feel safe to share their story. Instead, take a few steps back and direct your attention elsewhere. After the car pulls away, feel free to ask what happened.

...join a counseling conversation unless you are invited. This can disrupt the progress a counselor is making. If you would like to talk with clients, share that with a counselor so they can look for an appropriate opportunity.

...call out to clients. As a counselor is designated to do so, you may inadvertently talk over them. Neither of you will be heard.

...clump at the driveways. A client is more likely to stop and talk to one person than a group. Gather up away from the driveways.

...hold signs close to the driveways. As a sign is a physical barrier, it can discourage a client from wanting to stop and talk.

...say where Planned Parenthood is located. If pressed, explain you cannot in good conscience direct them to a place which harms women and murders children. Try to focus the conversation on available help and invite a counselor over to share about the cheaper, local healthcare and abortion alternatives.

HELP FOR A CLIENT

Should you have an opportunity to talk with a client and an AMOH sidewalk counselor is not available to assist you, offer to

- 1) get the client's phone number** so an AMOH staff member can follow up with them about the help and resources we offer and
- 2) take them to Daybreak pregnancy center** at the corner of Forest Dr. (1601 St. Julian Place). Daybreak offers free:

- Pregnancy options consultations ("counseling")
- Pregnancy tests & proof of pregnancy
- Limited ultrasounds (not offered every day)



Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 am - 5 pm and Fri 9 am - 2 pm.

If they are unable to see the client as a walk-in, they will schedule them.

Directions: Go down the hill and through the Asbill Dentistry parking lot which is on the right. Walk through the dentist parking lot to reach the back of Daybreak (pictured on left here). Do not get in a client's car.

BE...

- **Unafraid** - you possess gospel authority as an ambassador of Christ and have a legal right to be present.
- **Peaceful** - do not argue with passersby or anyone else; do not shout at clients or call them names.
- **Prayerful** - save chatty conversation for later. Babies die here. Use the designated time to make a difference through prayer.
- **Law-abiding** - do not block the road or driveway, stay within 8 feet of the curb.
- **A person, not a protester** - wear comfortable, modest clothing. Avoid pro-life paraphernalia, army fatigues, conspicuous video recording of clients, and graphic signs of abortion victims.
- **Approachable** - smile and wave! 😊 You have a message of life, hope, and redemption. Remove sunglasses and put down signs if speaking with clients.



SAFETY & CONTACT INFORMATION

If at any time you feel unsafe, get in your car and call the police. Keep your phone handy and record any strange or angry behavior. When you have an appropriate opportunity, contact a staff member:

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Valerie Berry, Program Manager

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Thank you for taking a public stand for life and advocating for the preborn and their mothers and families!