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Think that you have to wait until you've graduated to advocate for the unborn? Think again! This presentation will help you realize how powerful your voice can be while you are in high school or college. Learn about things that you can do right now to make a difference and get involved in the pro-life movement! Abigail Lorenzen, the Education Coordinator at Right to Life of NE Indiana, will be leading this breakout.

#### Fetal Development - Abigail Lorenzen

Ever wonder how early you grew your fingers? Or why babies' heads are so huge? Or how conjoined twins end up conjoined? Abigail, Education Coordinator for Right to Life of Northeast Indiana, guides you

through the first 9 months of human development, explaining the incredible things that happen as a human grows during pregnancy. Abigail Lorenzen, the Education Coordinator at Right to Life of NE Indiana, will be leading this breakout.

## IVF and Surrogacy - Abigail Lorenzen

How do processes like In Vitro Fertilization (IVF), surrogacy, and others like them line up with ethics? Are they pro-life because their goal is to make more babies? To help families who can't have children on their own to grow? Abigail Lorenzen untangles the science and morals of these artificial reproductive technologies, showing just how deeply it affects humanity.



#### **Adoption and Foster Care - Robin Atkins**

Foster Care can seem complicated, and what is the ultimate goal? Is the system as bad as the pro-choice side says it is? Adoption is a seemingly good alternative option to abortion...but should it never be brought up to a woman in crisis? Robin Atkins, counselor and founder of Charis et Veritas, a reproductive mental health therapy clinic, will be explaining the intricacies of the foster care system and why adoption can be considered the worst option by those considering abortion.



How to Speak about Abortion from a Man's Perspective - Shawn Meyer

Men are often told that abortion is a women's issue and that they don't have a say in the discussion, but that simply isn't true. This session will address the backlash men might face when trying to be pro life and examine how the exclusion of men's opinions from the abortion issue can have overarching effects on masculinity, mental health, and society. It will also suggest ways that men can enter into conversations about this important moral issue. Shawn Meyer, pastor at Aletheia Christian Church in Ohio, will be leading this discussion.

# Tactics - Shawn Meyer

Having good answers to tough arguments and objections put forth by abortion defenders is crucial, but something more is also needed. We must know how to defend our beliefs in a winsome and compelling way. Come and learn how to effectively navigate a conversation on abortion. Shawn Meyer, pastor at Aletheia Christian Church in Ohio, will be leading this discussion.



## Pregnancy Resource Center 101 - Anne Koehl

What exactly are pregnancy resource centers? How do they help women, and how much can they actually impact the pro-life movement? This session will dive into the world of Pregnancy Resource Centers and explain how they operate to help women, babies, and the greater community. Anne Koehl, executive director of the three Women's Care Center locations in Fort Wayne (and our office's neighbor!) will be leading this breakout.

There is a lot of discussion about the effect of abortion on women, but what really happens to men after their partner chooses an abortion? This session takes a look at the lies men tell themselves about abortion, the damage that abortion leaves in its wake, and the path to recovering from the pain of having an abortion in your history. Brian Vance, one of the team members at Deeper Still of Northern Indiana, will be leading this session that is personal to his own story.

## End of Life and the Value in Suffering - Pastor Eric Kilmer

Suffering is unavoidable in life, and humans learn valuable things from experiencing it. Why then does our society view it as the ultimate evil? From MAID laws that allow us to avoid the pain of illnesses, to abortion on the basis of stopping abuse or neglect before it even occurs, this session will break down people's justifications for committing acts against life and why they are invalid. Rev. Eric Kilmer, a retired LCMS pastor from Michigan, will explore these topics.