



Bonus Training Module C: Abortion Worker Outreach Module Summary

Just as we pray for abortion-bound mothers and babies, we pray for the conversion of those who work in and volunteer for abortion facilities. Here's what former Planned Parenthood manager Sue Thayer says about interacting with abortion facility staff:

How do I reach out to the workers?

- Build a relationship!
- Be friendly. Greet them by name, if you know it.
- Learn the schedule. Who works on what day?
- The security guard is likely the first point of contact followed by the manager.

It seems like the workers never hear my greetings.

- They may not respond but they are definitely listening.
- If you are there regularly, they know you! They have your picture and they probably know your name.
- Those who pray regularly definitely have a nickname which is used by the workers.

What if they are angry?

- Anger means pain and struggle. Many workers may be post-abortive themselves. Never return anger. Proverbs 15:1: "A soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger."
- Show respect and kindness.
- Offer support. Know where to get help. Be prepared.
- Honor their confidentiality. Don't share conversations publicly.
- Many workers feel trapped. An employee might be a single parent who needs the job. Planned Parenthood offers good pay and great benefits. It is scary to think of finding a new job that pays a similar amount.
- New jobs can be elusive to those who worked in the abortion industry.

A worker comes to talk to me! What does it mean?

- To approach you for help means a worker is likely distraught and hopeless—maybe even desperate.
- Workers are taught to never interact with "protesters." This means less chance of friendships and trust-building.
- Talking to you could mean the termination of their employment.

- You will probably have only one opportunity to truly connect.

What should I NEVER do?

- Be angry, insulting or mean.
- Mail anything judgmental or condemning.
- Use graphic pictures.
- Follow the staff.
- Give up.

Remember – every prayer matters! Every hour you spend praying, especially in front of an abortion facility, yields immeasurable results. We can't always see immediate benefits. But Isaiah 55 tells us that His Word never returns void. God promises that the Word, which we are speaking on the sidewalk, will accomplish what He desires and will achieve the purpose for which He sent it. Guaranteed. He hears every single prayer.