

CPC ACTION PARTY TOOLKIT

Host an #ExposeFake Clinics Action Party

Together, we can
#ExposeFakeClinics and
#EndTheLies about
“crisis pregnancy centers”!

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NORTH CAROLINA

Why should I host an action party?

- To educate your friends, family, and other people you know about fake clinics (“crisis pregnancy centers”) and why they are harmful to reproductive rights, health, and abortion access.
- To let state and local elected officials know that their constituents care about protecting access to abortion and reproductive health care and do not want their tax dollars spent on fake clinics.
- To provide an opportunity for your community to take action in a setting that feels comfortable and welcoming to them.

That sounds great! I'm ready to host an action party... What do I do next?

Let us know when you're ready to host an action party!

We can send you materials, signs, and possibly come speak at your house party. Contact us at:
info@prochoicenc.org

Figure out what materials and supplies you need.

- Do you need any visual aids (e.g., projector, flip chart paper, signs, markers)?
- What writing supplies do you need? Pens? Postcards? Paper?
- Do you need refreshments and snacks for attendees?

Create an agenda.

- Think about the following:
 - o What date will the action party happen?
 - o What time? Where?
 - See page 3 for a sample agenda.

Create a guest list.

- Invite your friends, family, colleagues, etc.!
 - o Ask your friends about other friends to invite.
 - o Create an Evite, a private Facebook event, etc.
 - o Call, text, or email your guests to follow up once you've sent your invitation!

Decide where you want to host the action party.

- Will you hold it at your home? The home of a friend? A local library or coffee shop? A place of worship?
- Plan for a space that can accommodate 10+ people.

- Make sure the space you are considering is accessible to your guests.
- If you are considering a library or place of worship, remember to reach out to them first to see if there are requirements for groups who want to meet in their location.

Sample Agenda

MY ACTION PARTY! 7:00PM - 8:15PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

6:15pm – Action party host arrives at venue for set-up.

6:30pm – Have any audio/visual equipment set up and test it to make sure it works.

6:55pm – Sign-up table is all set up, refreshments are out, signs directing people to the action party are in place (if necessary).

7:00pm – Guests start to arrive. Greet people as they arrive, make sure they sign in at the sign-up table and get information, tell them to get refreshments and mingle and that you'll get started about 7:15pm.

7:15pm – The action party officially starts! Welcome everyone and go over the plan for the evening.

7:20pm - 8:00pm – Have guests write postcards to their legislators, send emails, call their legislators, and write Letters to the Editor.

8:00pm – Answer questions anyone has, thank everyone for coming, collect postcards.

8:15pm – Action party ends.

TIP:

Don't be afraid to guide the conversation.

Your guests may organically have a great conversation, or they may need some guidance and prompts. You can help conversation flow by asking open-ended questions, and as your guests talk, you can guide the conversation by asking more specific questions.



Tips for a Successful Action Party

Make it fun! You're throwing a party, after all, so people should enjoy themselves while they are taking action:

- o Play some great music.
- o Good food + good refreshments = a good time! If you are holding the action party at your home, consider making it a potluck to reduce the burden and cost of hosting.

Encourage conversation around what's at stake:

- o Start with an icebreaker to give everyone space to have their voice heard. Have guests share their name and a song that makes them happy.



What Actions Should We Take?

Postcard writing

Guests should write postcards to their state representatives and state senators to educate them about fake clinics and tell them not to give public funds to "crisis pregnancy centers." Find your state legislators' contact information here:
<https://ncleg.gov/FindYourLegislators>

Write a Letter to the Editor

Have guests write Letters to the Editor of their local papers to help #ExposeFakeClinics.

Call and email your state legislators

Have every guest take a few moments to both call and email their state legislators. They should be sure to include their name, mailing address, phone number, and email, as well as a concise message about why they are against fake clinics and why these fake clinics should not receive taxpayer money.



Additional Resources

More information:
<https://prochoicenc.org/fake-womens-health-centers/>

Sign up to take action:
https://secure.everyaction.com/kL9GMKhB4kCYYT_G9w1d7w2

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