

Community Readiness Assessment

Roadmap of 7 steps to launch an abortion healing program in your community

1. Assess the need. Are there any abortion healing programs in your area? Is the capacity for healing more than they can handle? Are local Pregnancy Centers seeing clients that have experienced abortion and are wanting help? Service Providers, Clients seeking healing.
2. Identify who will oversee the program and who will offer the healing groups and community partnering programs.
3. Consider Potential Partnering Programs: Consider going to places that are already in line with healing (Celebrate Recovery, women's bible studies, monthly social service meetings, etc.) for opportunities to speak about abortion healing, enlist supporters, get referrals, and create greater connections.
4. Develop program features. Offer Dot Chart as a reference
 - a. 1:1 and/or groups
 - b. In person and/or virtually
 - c. Men
 - d. Women
 - e. Will you serve people anywhere or only in your community?
 - f. What curriculum will you use?
5. Determine finances required
 - a. Employee(s)
 - b. Taxes
 - c. Books (workbook and facilitator guide) - Will you provide books for the participants?
 - d. Supplies needed for program activities
 - e. Room rental (for in person)
 - f. Printing Costs
 - g. Swag costs (e.g. pens left in restaurants, doctor's offices, etc.)
6. Train your staff and volunteers
 - a. Life Perspectives Grief Care training
 - b. Unraveled Roots for all
 - c. For those facilitating your groups, attend an abortion healing group as a participant whether you've experienced abortion or not. Gives you as the facilitator insight into how abortion impacts individuals, and gives those that have experienced abortion insight into other things people grieve.
 - d. Introduction to Abortion Healing Video Series
 - e. Utilize Support After Abortion Learning Platform
7. Consider how you will market your groups

- a. Develop website
- b. Printed materials
- c. Swag
- d. Word of Mouth
- e. Churches
- f. Social Media