

Prepared Parenthood of Greater Rochester Concept Paper

Mission:

To become the premier human service agency helping families in the Greater Rochester area by providing consistently superior services, both in quality of care and integrity of educational content.

Vision:

A thriving community agency, committed to excellence in every way, that provides comprehensive educational and direct services in responsible human sexuality, reproductive health, constructive family dynamics and parenting for individuals, families, churches, schools, businesses and civic groups in the Greater Rochester area and serves as a model for others who wish to see similar services available in their communities.

Beliefs:

1. We believe that intact, functional families are the basic building blocks of a healthy society.
2. We believe that wholesome marriages, between committed men and women, offer the most secure basis available for building intact, functional families capable of nurturing and raising children who will mature into constructive adults.
3. We believe that parenthood is not only one of the most common but one of the highest and most challenging responsibilities that people, both single and married, can be called to fulfill.
4. We believe that society as a whole has a vested interest in fostering, strengthening, and preserving family integrity through supporting marriage and parenthood.
5. We believe that preparing for marriage and responsible parenthood is one of the primary tasks of childhood and adolescence.
6. We believe that there are time-honored truths about human relationships and the human condition that can be passed on successfully from one generation to the next.
7. We believe that human freedom is fostered not only by the availability of choices but by training and education that develop the capacity to discern and enter into life-giving choices and to turn and recover from the consequences of ill-advised choices.

Structure:

1. A ministry of His Branches Inc. under its Board of Directors
2. Large Board of Advisors comprised of recognized leaders from affiliated agencies, churches and other community resources
 - Guidelines for affiliation
3. Main downtown office (Clinton Square?) with satellites in neighborhoods and surrounding areas
 - Significant public visibility, positive image
4. Public and private (individual, corporate, group) funding
5. Website network with educational and referral links
 - Domain names available: ppgr.com, ppgr.net (ppgr.org is taken).

Educational Programs:

1. Places of service
 - Schools, churches, health care facilities, businesses, public meetings and events
2. Types of service
 - Curricular programs, speakers bureau, seminars and workshops
3. Content and educational focus - Family Life education
 - a. Wholesome human relationships that lead to, establish, and maintain secure marriages and families
 - b. Responsible human sexual attitudes and behavior, chastity and abstinence education
 - c. Impartation and support of parenting skills, prenatal and post-partum programs
 - d. Parenting classes for normal and problem infant, childhood, and adolescent issues
 - e. Handling mid-life and the 'empty nest syndrome'
 - f. Preparing for seniority and caring for aging parents: 'Living Wills,' Health Care Proxies, advance directives, DNR orders

Counseling Services:

1. Places of service
 - Authorized referral network resources
2. Content
 - a. Sexual abuse and battered women's issues, rape crisis intervention (available to Emergency Rooms and for follow-up) and post-abortion counseling,
 - b. Marital, family and crisis parenting support
 - c. Adolescent adjustment issues
 - d. Mid-life issues, aging and end of life decision-making

Direct Services:

1. Places of Service
 - Satellites and affiliated agencies
 - Authorized referral network resources
2. Content
 - a. Crisis pregnancy intervention, alternatives to abortion, fertility awareness and family planning
 - b. Diagnosis and treatment of STD's

Short List for Review:

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