



Students for Choice are Standing Strong for Reproductive Freedom

On Saturday, January 29, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan staff gathered with Students for Choice groups from around the state. Students representing Grand Valley State, Central Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Michigan State University College of Law, Eastern Michigan University, and Oakland University came together in Ann Arbor for our annual Students for Choice conference entitled “Standing Strong for Reproductive Freedom.”

The day began with two breakout sessions led by PPAM staff. The first session covered the state of Michigan laws concerning reproduction and talked about the current anti-choice Michigan government. The second session discussed smart consumerism and green choices. We talked about corporations that support Planned Parenthood and corporations that deprive people of their rights, paying special attention to the impact Wal-Mart has on our communities.



Following a delicious lunch of Potbelly sandwiches, we had volunteer speakers from Safe House, an organization dedicated to helping those experiencing violence, which came to discuss domestic violence and sexual assault.



First a survivor of domestic violence told her courageous story. Georgie Ahrent then spoke about sexual violence and prevention techniques, paying special attention to issues on college campuses.

We ended the day by rolling out our newest campaign, entitled “Birth Control Matters.” Students received all necessary supplies and campaign toolkits for them to go back to their campuses and run their own campaign. In addition, they received training on useful ways to run a campaign and a full explanation about the campaign’s goal of providing all women with free birth control. ■

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