



2011 Students for Choice Leadership Retreat

Before the school year begins, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan brings together the leaders of pro-choice campus groups from around the state for a two-day leadership retreat. This year, over twenty campus leaders joined together in East Lansing, Michigan, to attend workshops on topics ranging from upcoming legislation in Michigan to holding effective meetings to facilitating sexuality education trainings.

Not only were leaders from different schools able to meet and get to know each other, but leaders from across the state were able to plan out their yearly calendars together to help ensure unity within the pro-choice movement in Michigan. The students spent time brainstorming their best campus practices, sharing insight into what works and what does not work on each campus. They shared essential group meeting topics, movie screenings, and guest speakers, as well as fundraising and advertising tips.

By the end of the retreat, the different groups had come together to plan a statewide project that they will work on throughout the school year to show that Michigan's youth are pro-choice, value Planned Parenthood and the services it provides, and will not watch silently as the rights of women and families are in jeopardy. ■



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