

## **Sidewalk Counseling Tips:**

- Smile & greet with love
- Give literature & explain that you can offer help
- Ask & listen
- Solve the problem/meet the need (MOM/BABY/GOD)
- Meet her where she is at
  - She is in crisis; you need to address HER need first.
  - Save the mother, save the child.
  - Offer concrete help to empower her
  - Be calm and supportive
- Be gentle & compassionate in your voice & demeanor
- Empower her to leave
- Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance
- Don't stare at clients or 'gang up' on her
- Don't hold pictures of aborted babies
- Don't yell things like "Don't kill your baby!"
- Don't condemn or use judgmental language
- Don't dress immodestly while sidewalk counseling
- Don't take pictures of clients or workers

\*Basic Training Manual Sidewalk Advocates for Life\*