

# Affiliate Benefits

## Advocacy

1. Communication with pro-life lobbyist in areas that effect our affiliates.
2. *AFL Day at the Capitol*— bringing awareness to the great work accomplished by affiliates through a day in Jefferson City to connect with legislators. (*annually*)
3. *Impact Report Card*— compiles statewide statistics into a report card to be used with legislators, boards of directors, donors and more. (*annually*)
4. Communication with affiliates when action is needed in regards to legislative issues concerning affiliates.
5. Works on behalf of affiliates with *Safe Place for Newborns* to ensure affiliates are in compliance.
6. Organized process to make affiliates aware of suspect activity toward affiliates.

## Affiliate Awareness Campaigns

1. Included in any printed, radio, website, Facebook or other awareness campaigns done on behalf of the affiliates.

## Telephone and e-mail consulting services—as needed

1. Providing a network of resources for fundraisers, board, staff development and more
2. Board of director issues
3. Staff/volunteer issues
4. New center start up

## Available on-site trainings/consultations (discounted rates)

1. Board of Directors consulting/training
2. New center start up
3. Center re-organization
4. New Executive Director consulting

## Professional development (discounted rates)

1. Annual state conference
2. Annual Enrichment Day
3. *Regional Executive Connections (for the Executive Director), quarterly*
4. *Statewide Maternity Home Connections, annually*
5. *Ultrasound training program (initial training and practice scan events), offered throughout the year*

## Networking across Missouri and beyond

1. Executive Connection event for directors quarterly
2. Relationship building with directors and staff across the state
3. Exchanging of program ideas
4. Encouragement/support from peers

## Contracts/Grants/Scholarships

1. Eligible to become a sub-contractor under the Alternatives to Abortion grant program currently held by the Alliance for Life through the state of Missouri Office of Administration (*must qualify for such contract by the services they offer and funds available*). Contact AFL for additional requirements and qualifications beyond funds available.
2. Limited scholarships available for the state conference/training events

## Awards

1. Eligible for the annual "**Above and Beyond**" Director, Board and Servant awards presented at the annual AFL conference.

## Prayer support

1. Monthly prayer calendar and prayer network.

## Resources

1. Opportunity to receive donated resources as available
2. Sharing your abundance of resources through the AFL network
3. Special giving opportunities to bless new and/or existing ministries within AFL Network

## Publications

1. Quarterly newsletter *Life Connections*
2. Included in *Ministry Directory*
3. For Maternity Homes only—included in statewide *Maternity Home Directory*

## Website

1. Affiliate client and donor websites listed and linked on AFL website



# Standards of Affiliation

Recognizing that a cultural war exists for the hearts of women in crisis and their children, significant issues are at stake in the way Alliance For Life affiliates operate and convey their services. High standards of integrity and client care are crucial in the successful operation of Alliance For Life affiliates. As representatives of Jesus Christ, being above reproach is a Biblical mandate.

Due to the cultural and political environment in which we operate, it is also an absolute necessity that the Alliance For Life reflects II Corinthians 4: 1,2 & 5:

*"This is the ministry which God in His mercy has given us and nothing can daunt us. We have set our faces against all shameful, secret practices; we use no clever tricks, no dishonest manipulation of the Word of God. We speak the plain truth and so commend ourselves to every person's conscience in the sight of God. ...for it is Christ Jesus as Lord whom we preach, not ourselves; we are your servants for Jesus sake."*

Therefore, pro-life organizations that desire to join the network of Alliance For Life shall agree to uphold and operate under the following *Standards*:

## **Affiliate Organization's Standards:**

### **Foundation Documents**

1. Affiliate is incorporated under the laws of the state where they are located. The organization operates in accordance with its *Articles of Incorporation and By-laws*, as well as all applicable regulatory and legal requirements.
2. Affiliate will adhere to a written purpose or mission statement.
3. Affiliate will operate under a statement of faith.
4. Affiliate will operate under established policies and procedures.

### **Commitment of Client Care**

*See page 3 for complete document that can be printed and displayed in the client areas.*

### **Operational Integrity**

1. Affiliate will operate under the direction of a board of directors, which meets regularly.
2. Affiliate will carry adequate insurance.
3. Affiliate shall adhere to truthfulness in all aspects of their operations.
4. Affiliate will assure that they operate within ethical and legal bounds.
5. Affiliate will have a standard format for volunteer training and orientation to ensure they have adequate preparation.
6. Affiliate will provide a safe environment by screening all volunteers and staff interacting with clients.
7. Affiliate shall keep records and statistics of clients served.

### **Financial Integrity**

1. Affiliate will carry out their fundraising activities and financial transactions with integrity.
2. Affiliate will maintain a system of financial accountability and will be in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.
3. Affiliate financial records will be reviewed at least quarterly by the affiliate board of directors or governing board.

### **Biblical Integrity**

1. Affiliate adheres to Biblical principles in regards to marriage between one genetic man and one genetic woman only and sexual intimacy is to occur only within the context of marriage as defined in scripture.

In addition to the organization's standards, as an affiliate of the Alliance for Life, the affiliate organization shall be in agreement with the following AFL Standards:

1. The Mission, Principle and Core Operational Values
2. The Statement of Faith





## **VISION STATEMENT**

To unify and champion LIFE ministries.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Saving and changing lives by equipping people, empowering ministries and engaging communities toward a culture of life.

## **PRINCIPLES**

1. Human life is sacred from the moment of fertilization through-out the life continuum.
2. The Alliance is committed to integrity in dealing with affiliates in such a way that the Alliance will earn their trust, give them promised information and services.
3. Legalized abortion on demand is the unjustifiable taking of a human life, therefore the Alliance will not counsel, refer or recommend any woman, regardless of circumstances of conception (rape and incest included), for an abortion.
4. We oppose the development, production and use of abortifacient pharmaceuticals and devices. The Alliance, therefore, does not recommend, provide, or refer for abortifacients.
5. The Alliance is committed to creating an awareness of the needs of pregnant women, and of the detrimental nature of abortion, across the state of Missouri.
6. Adoption is one viable alternative to abortion. The Alliance commends those agencies that assist women in placing their children for adoption and the Alliance will cooperate with such agencies whenever possible.
7. The Alliance affirms the biblical model for marriage and family as described in *Genesis 2:21 -24, Ephesians 5:21 and 6:4, Colossians 3:18-21, and 1 Peter 3:1-7.*
8. The Alliance affirms the teaching that children are a blessing (*Psalms 127: 3-4*) and welcomes them (*Mark 10:13*).

## **CORE OPERATIONAL VALUES**

1. Our focus is on the Lord and prayer to heal our lands. We look to the Lord to show us His Plan and to supply all the resources to carry it out.
2. Our Leaders take Jesus as our model for servant leadership, leading in Truth, while serving God the Father and each other in humility. We also take Jesus as our model for personal and professional ethics.
3. Our Organizational Culture is built on relationships with each other and with the Lord. We care about people – each is precious in God’s eyes.
4. Our Programs and Services are Biblically-based and Christ-centered. They aim to reflect both the virtues of Justice and Mercy. They are inter-denominational, emphasizing the essential unity of Christians while respecting our differences. They encourage being Christ to others as well as sharing Christ with others. They also respect and even celebrate the differences in callings and cultures so evident among our affiliates and partners.
5. Our Methods are creative, collaborative, cooperative, and unitive as we work with our affiliates, donor partners and life affirming brother/sister organizations. We value learning and growing as we strive for genuine quality and excellence in all we do.





## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in his sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in the bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that Man was created, male and female, by a direct act of God, fell into sin and thereby became depraved and guilty before God; that the first man and woman were united in marriage by God and that biblical marriage is between a genetic man and a genetic woman only. Sexual intimacy is to occur only within the context of marriage as defined in scripture.
5. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential and that this salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
6. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and perform good works.
7. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
8. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
9. We believe human life is sacred from the moment of fertilization through-out the life continuum.

## Commitment of Care

(adopted from Heartbeat International and Care Net Commitment of Care)

1. Alliance For Life affiliates that serve clients will do so without regard to age, income, nationality, religious affiliation, disability or other arbitrary circumstances.
2. Clients are treated with kindness and compassion.
3. Clients always receive honest and accurate answers to their questions.
4. Client pregnancy tests are distributed and administered in accordance with all applicable laws.
5. Client information is held in strict and absolute confidence. Client information is only disclosed as required by law and when necessary to protect the client or others against imminent harm.
6. Clients receive medically accurate information about pregnancy, fetal development, lifestyle issues and related concerns.
7. Alliance For Life affiliates do not offer, recommend or refer for abortions or abortifacients; but are committed to offering medically accurate information about abortion procedures and risks.
8. All advertising and communications are truthful and accurately describe the services offered.
9. All staff and volunteers receive proper training to uphold these commitments of client care.

