

Unapologetically Pro Choice

Advocating for reproductive justice by placing people first and affirming their feelings, decisions, and experiences.



A Year of Action

Fall

All Access Party*
Rally for Peace and Inclusion*

Winter

The People's Inauguration*
Women's March SB*
2 RJ advocacy trainings
Valentines Day Action with IRJC

Spring

Town Hall on ACA
Bowling for NNAF
Pence Protest at ND
RJ education panel*

Summer

Pride South Bend*
Drive for Our Lives
Grassroots IN-2
Candidate Forum

*lead organizer

Uncertain Times and Strategic Goals

Laying groundwork of our resistance.

At the start of 2017, the leadership of Pro Choice South Bend gathered at a dining room table and set the strategy to navigate an uncertain year. Our focus was three pronged and rooted in activism. Our 2017 goals were to build, engage, and educate our community. We began to lay the groundwork of our resistance; we began to shift our community towards choice.

1

BUILD

We grew coalition partnerships and showed up for justice.

2

ENGAGE

We mobilized those that share our values to strengthen our collective voice.

3

EDUCATE

We expanded the understanding of reproductive justice in South Bend.

Community Action

Building power through coalitions.

When the last South Bend abortion clinic closed in March 2016, a void was created for health care and advocacy. Pro Choice South Bend was formed at this crisis point and has continued because our threats are larger than one clinic and bigger than one organization.

The impact of PCSB is measured in community action and community partners are key. In the last year, we have been founding members of two coalitions - the [Indiana Reproductive Justice coalition](#), and the [Michiana Social Justice coalition](#).

The IRJC joins us with reproductive advocacy groups across Indiana. In February, we sent our hand crafted [Valentines](#) to join the over 2,000 delivered our state legislators. These love notes said in glitter and pom-poms which bills we oppose and support. It's hard to ignore glitter.

On the MSCJ, we are the voice for reproductive justice in a coalition representing a variety of identities, faiths, institutions, and politicized needs. Our proactive approach has produced

district-wide events including an alternative to the inauguration, a town hall on the ACA, a Congressional candidate forum, and multiple panels, marches, and rallies.

Our work forming the MSJC will be presented at the 2017 [SisterSong](#) conference. Our workshop titled "Let's Talk Together: Coalition Building Across Communities" will focus on an intersectional approach to collective impact.

Coalitions allow us to share the load and values of our work across many organizations. In turn, these partnerships strengthen our community bond through a deeper understanding of inclusive needs and a commitment to act in solidarity with our partners. When you join PCSB, you join MSJC and IRJC.

What's Next for PCSB?

PCSB Educational Classes

New health promotion workshop for non-birth pregnancy outcomes.

Legislative Response Team

Opportunities for civic engagement as the legislative session and campaigning begins.

JOIN THE RESISTANCE.

Pro Choice South Bend advocates for reproductive justice by placing people first and affirming their feelings, decisions, and experiences. We believe abortion is an inherent right and a social good.

Pro Choice South Bend is a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization. As such, PCSB is able to advocate at the legislative level. We engage in politics to move forward laws and representatives that align with our mission. We do not politicize people or their experiences.

You can join us today by visiting, www.prochoicesouthbend.org.

