

TALKING POINTS

Use these in talking to friends, speaking to groups, writing letter to editor, calling radio talk show.

- A minor child, under 18, cannot be issued an aspirin at school without parental consent.
- Minors cannot go on school field trips without parental notification and consent.
- Because they have poor or under-developed judgment, minors can not be sentenced to death, but currently they can decide to have an abortion.
- Parents will be held responsible for any costs or complications stemming from their minor daughter's abortion.
- Public opinion polls show a majority of Americans agree that parents should be informed about their daughter's abortion.
- Parental support is necessary to deal with the aftermath of an abortion.
- Minors cannot drink, get tattoos, smoke, or serve in the military without parental consent.
- Parental involvement provides vital information that would help avert medical risks and complications.
- Parental involvement would increase the likelihood that proper follow-up is provided.
- Without parental involvement, minors who are victims of rape will continue to be victimized.
- Under Proposition 73, the minor girl can bypass parental notification and go straight to the courts in cases of incest.
- The United States Supreme Court has upheld parental involvement laws with judicial bypass provisions.
- A young girl's ability to conceive a child does not mean she is able to make a mature decision about an abortion.
- More than thirty states currently have parental involvement laws in effect. Their experience, going back well over a decade, has proved that parental involvement laws reduce teen pregnancies and abortions without danger or harm to minors.
- Parental notification improves family communication and decision-making.
- Parental involvement will help bring crimes such as statutory rape to the attention of law enforcement officials.
- Boyfriends encourage young girls to have abortions to cover up evidence of statutory rape.