



Welcome to the Advo.kit!

Thanks so much for picking up the kit — we hope that you find it to be a helpful resource!

Why the Advo.kit?

The Advo.kit is geared toward student and/or young activists in the U.S. who seek to advance abortion rights as part of a broad range of reproductive justice issues. It includes background information on unsafe abortion in the U.S. and around the globe, the impact of restrictive sexual and reproductive health policies on the lives of women and girls and tips and tools for activists.

We feel these materials will give students and young activists the tools they need to:

1. Provide their peers with comprehensive information on sexual and reproductive health on campus and in the classroom
2. View abortion rights as part of a broad range of global issues, including HIV/AIDS, violence, race, gender, health care and economic and social justice
3. Mobilize and take action

How do I use the kit?

The Advo.kit is organized into three sections that will help you organize events and educate others on the importance of reproductive justice and abortion rights:

1. Tips for organizing and activism
2. Activities
3. Background and resource documents

The Advo.kit is designed so that activists can select the documents as they need and then use them in whichever order or combinations suit their individual needs and audiences.

For example, you could use the Plan an Event Worksheet to get started, then use the Drawing the Connections activity in your event and copy the 10 Tips for Organizing document to hand out to your participants.

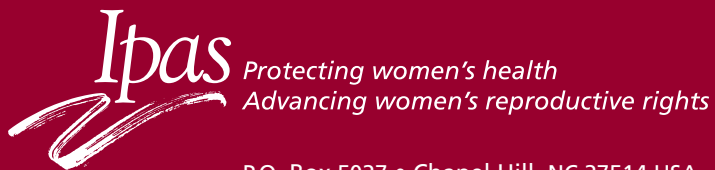
There are dozens of combinations in which the documents could be used! Have fun!

Why abortion and reproductive justice?

Reproductive justice includes the right of all women to safe and voluntary contraception; to become pregnant, carry and bear children in a context free of violence and environmental toxins; and to affordable and nonjudgmental abortion services. Many women, however, do not have the option to protect themselves against an unwanted pregnancy, to continue an unintended but wanted pregnancy or to have a safe abortion. Despite *Roe v. Wade's* significance, the "right" to abortion means little to those whose options are already restricted by race, gender, sexuality, age, ability or income. Traditionally, the issue of abortion has been isolated by the stigma attached to it. Nevertheless, abortion is a common part of the sexual and reproductive lives of most women, and its inclusion in the reproductive justice movement is essential in the pursuit of equality and justice.

Ipas works globally to increase women's ability to exercise their sexual and reproductive rights and to reduce abortion-related deaths and injuries. We seek to expand the availability, quality and sustainability of abortion and related reproductive health services, as well as to improve the enabling environment. Ipas believes that no woman should have to risk her life or health because she lacks safe reproductive health choices.

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