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## TOPICS INCLUDE

### Coerced Abortions

64% of women are pressured to abort. Threats can escalate to violence or murder... the leading killer of pregnant women. "My husband exploded in anger... 'Have an abortion or I'll leave you.'"

### Impact on Relationships/Spousal Abuse

Hidden emotions lead to resentment and anger. "He destroyed our apartment...he was killing me with his words."

### Self-Destructive Behavior and Violence

Women are more likely to suffer from clinical depression, substance abuse and anxiety disorders. Suicide is six to seven times higher than those who don't abort.

### Impact on Bonding with Subsequent Children/Child Rearing

#### Child neglect or over protective

Children whose mothers have a history of abortion tend to have less emotional support at home and more behavioral problems than children whose mothers have not had abortions.

### Trauma and Reenactment

Of the women who have had an abortion, 65% suffer multiple symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

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# After **CHOICE** S y m p o s i u m

**A** one-day symposium designed to educate, equip, and encourage those who are in a position to break the cycle of silence and violence in our community and to facilitate healing for post-abortive men and women desperate for a voice.

**SATURDAY**  
*November 14, 2009*

**8:00am – 3:00pm**  
Lunch included

**\$30.00** per person

**\$25.00** per person group rate (4 or more)

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## SCHEDULE

### Registration and Refreshments

8:00am – 8:30am

### Introductions and Collage Unveiling

*“The Missing Pieces of Our Lives”*

8:30am – 9:00am

### Session 1

*Dr. David Reardon*

9:00am – 10:00am

### Testimonies

10:00am – 10:30am

### Session 2

*Dr. David Reardon*

10:30am – 11:30am

### Round Table Topic

11:30am – 12:00pm

### Lunch

12:00pm – 12:30pm

### Session 3

*Dr. David Reardon*

12:30pm – 1:30pm

### Round Table Topic

1:30pm – 2:00pm

### Q & A and Closing

2:00pm – 3:00pm

## SPEAKER

### *David Reardon, Ph.D.*



As director of the Elliot Institute, Dr. David Reardon is a biomedical ethicist and a leading expert on the aftereffects of abortion on women, a field in which he has specialized since 1983. He is the author of numerous books and popular and scholarly articles on this topic.

In his work, Dr. Reardon has been the chief investigator on several original research projects. One of these was the first long-term follow-up study of a large number of women who had abortions an average of ten years previously. In a subsequent study of 700 randomly selected women, his research has shown that the women who aborted their first pregnancies were five times more likely to engage in subsequent abuse of drugs or alcohol compared to women who carried to term.

His studies have been published in such prestigious medical journals as the *British Medical Journal* and the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*. They have proven that abortion, compared to childbirth, is associated with higher rates of maternal death, subsequent substance abuse, clinical depression, and psychiatric hospitalization.

Articles about Dr. Reardon and his work have appeared in numerous magazines and newspapers, including *Newsweek* and the *New York Times*. He is a frequent guest on Christian radio and Christian television talk shows and has been a frequently invited speaker at state and national conventions for crisis pregnancy centers and pro-life organizations.

Dr. Reardon's first book, *Aborted Women, Silent No More*, published in 1987, became the best-selling book on abortion's impact on women over the course of the next fifteen years. It has been called "the most powerful book ever written on abortion."

His most recent book, *Forbidden Grief: The Unspoken Pain of Abortion*, which he co-authored with Dr. Theresa Burke, is the most comprehensive review of the impact of abortion on women available. It is a compelling revelation of the secrets post-abortive women tell only their therapists but want everyone to know. Reviewers are already hailing it as "phenomenal" and a "classic."

Dr. Reardon has also authored *The Jericho Plan: Breaking Down the Walls That Prevent Post-Abortion Healing*, a resource book for post-abortion healing. It also serves as a sermon guide that helps ministers and clergy address the abortion issue in a manner that reduces hostilities and promotes post-abortion healing. Most importantly, *The Jericho Plan* is helping pastors to overcome the fear of preaching on abortion. It is helping many pastors break their silence and boldly preach a compassionate message that is truly both pro-life and pro-healing.

In *Victims and Victors: Speaking Out About Their Pregnancies, Abortions, and Children Resulting from Sexual Assault*, with Julie Makimaa and Amy Sobie, he compiled the witness and testimonies of 194 women who became pregnant following sexual assault. The nearly universal opinion of these women demonstrates that abortion is neither helpful nor necessary in cases of rape and incest, and in fact does far greater harm than good to these victims of sexual assault. He is also the editor of the Elliot Institute's quarterly publication, *The Post-Abortion Review*.

## OTHER ASPECTS OF THE DAY

### Tree Collage

*“The Missing Pieces of Our Lives”*

There are millions of women, men, siblings and grandparents who have been affected by ABORTION. Using the oak tree as a symbol of life, collective individuals will create on a square foot canvas their personal reflections on pain and past experiences that they have overcome regarding abortion. It is also an opportunity to focus on hope, healing and future desires. Each individual piece created will come together to form one large tree collage to travel throughout the community and make an impact only art can do!!!

### Resource Packet

You will receive a packet with a variety of information about local resources, as well as pertinent information for the day. You should leave feeling equipped and ready to get involved in the healing process for the abortion affected.

### Resource Tables

These will give you an opportunity to connect with local resources, as well as purchase materials that will be beneficial to your ministry or organization. We hope to provide you with a bounty of information.

### Comfort Room

We would be remiss if we did not recognize that some symposium attendees may be post-abortive. If there is any section of the day that becomes too difficult, we want to offer you respite. Our Comfort Room will have someone who can provide support.

## REGISTRATION

Registration is \$30 per person, or Group Rate (4 or more) \$25 per person. Registration covers all sessions, materials and lunch. Please complete this form and mail with payment to:

**Tulare-Kings Right to Life, P.O. Box 3531, Visalia, CA 93278**

or Register online using PayPal by going to:

**[www.theIRMANetwork.org/afterCHOICE.htm](http://www.theIRMANetwork.org/afterCHOICE.htm)**

Registration is available the day of the event for individuals only. Church group rate and group registration is available until Friday, October 30th, 2009.

For more information, please contact Ruthann Bailey Doyle at (559) 732-5000.

### Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

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