

Healthy Team Qualifications

Looking for ways to strengthen your Y4Life Team to make a greater impact For Life? Here are nine marks of a healthy team!



9 Aspects of a Healthy Y4Life Team

1 Gospel-motivated

A Gospel-motivated Y4Life team grows out of gratitude to God for being rescued by Christ in the Gospel. Immersing yourself in the Gospel and the Word of God both personally and as a group is beneficial. At a meeting, discuss what scripture says about life issues, pray for one another, your school, and your churches, and remind one another of your identity as God's beloved.



2 Unified

When you are unified, you are working in harmony with each other. Y4Life Teams that are unified have a clear mission statement to guide them in equipping others. They have specific processes in place to guide their work, and each member uses their unique gifts to serve others.

3 Consistent

A healthy Y4Life Team seeks regular opportunities to engage their student body or church in the life arena throughout the year. Intentionally planning service activities, educational events, celebrations, and worship opportunities on a regular basis builds consistency and avoids overwhelming the Y4Life Team and the student body as a whole.

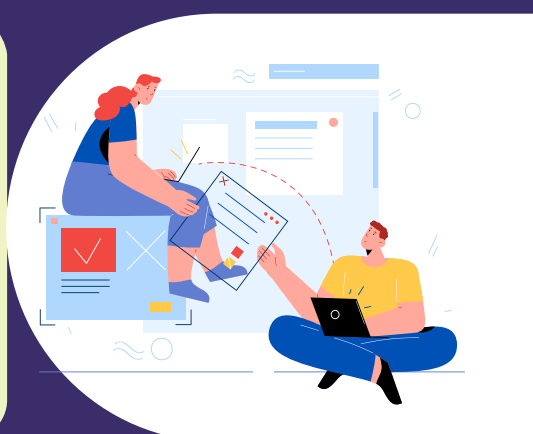


4 Multi-faceted

The life arena is not single-faceted. There are actually many life issues a Y4Life Team can address! A multi-faceted Y4Life Team is constantly learning, both personally and as a group, about current life issues. They also observe their communities to see which life issues are present and seek to address them.

5 Trusted

Trust is critical in the relationship between the Y4Life Team members, school or church staff, and the youth group or student body. Trust is developed over time. How does your team build trust? Be consistent and careful in your approach to life issues. Listen to the needs of others and respond to them. Follow through on the promises you make.



6 Resourced

A resourced Y4Life Team has access to both spiritual and financial support so they can carry out their mission. They might seek the support and counsel of pastors and Lutheran teachers at school or of a local Lutheran congregation. Connecting with school administration to discuss funding as a school club or opportunities for fundraising is also essential.

7 Interfaced

When a Y4Life Team is interfaced, it has good working relationships with other Christian life-affirming groups and agencies, such as local pregnancy resource centers, homeless shelters, adoption agencies, and the like. These are also excellent places for the team to volunteer!



8 Careful

A careful Y4Life Team knows their school and student body well and understands their interest in life issues, the level of knowledge they have, and the degree of involvement they desire. When planning events, the team looks for ways to simplify issues to meet students where they are. The team must also consider the language they use in addressing life issues, always speaking the truth with love, grace, and a Gospel-motivated voice.

9 Multiplied

A multiplied Y4Life Team is one that has engaged other school clubs or youth groups in the area, inviting them to become involved in the life arena as well. The Y4Life team may also partner with another Y4Life Team at a local church or school to expand their life ministry.

