

Building Dialogue *"Muscle"*



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Dear Friends,

Strong muscles are essential for us to function optimally. The same is true of communication skills. Just as weak muscles lead to a breakdown of bodily movement, so weak communication *skills (muscles)* lead to hurt feelings, arguments and bad decisions.

Just as there are proper techniques to lifting weights, there are proper techniques for successful communication.

This fall JFA is offering its acclaimed communication skills training in 7 cities.

Our training program consists of 2 integral parts! Part 1 is the seminar (seat work), and Part 2 is the campus outreach event (feet work).

In the box on the right are the dates for the seat work portion of our training. The Wichita and Lawrence dates are solid. The remaining dates are still tentative.

If you live in or near Kansas, I urge you to take advantage of this rare opportunity right here in Wichita!

After learning the dialogue skills in JFA's interactive seminar, you'll be amazed at your



JFA Training Program Dates

Part 1

Aug. 28 Wichita, KS Sept. 11 Lawrence, KS

<u>Part 2</u> Campus: KII Sept. 12-14 – tentati

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The following dates are **TENTATIVE** (Emailme for firm dates for both Part 1 and Part 2)Part 1Oct. 2Colorado (Boulder or Ft. Collins)Oct. 15 or 16Norman, OKOct. 22 or 23Stillwater, OKNov. 5 or 6Denton, TX

confidence to discuss difficult subjects! But in order to sustain fruitful dialogue and build true "dialogue muscle," **you must practice.**

Imagine doing the bookwork to learn to drive a car on paper but never actually getting behind the wheel to practice. Not someone I want to ride with!

I strongly encourage you to take advantage of our full training by attending BOTH the seminar and the following campus outreach at KU. Think of it as a two-day missions trip!

Here is what Kaley Rodriguez wrote about her JFA training experience:

"...we are a generation that has shown itself to be filled with apathy and cowardice.... [My] generation needs to learn to take responsibility for injustices that we ourselves might have not even committed. God gave us charge over the helpless and the weak, but what a terrible job we are doing with accepting that responsibility! After the day was done, I saw the importance of JFA's outreaches. I get that there are too many lives at stake, and we need to act. We need to stand up for our convictions, because, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing" (Edmund Burke)."--Kaley Rodriguez (21, Focus on the Family Leadership Institute, Spring 2011)

I had the privilege of mentoring Kaley last Spring. Even though it's a requirement for all Focus Leadership Institute students to participate, she was somewhat reluctant about our approach. It's evident from her reflection just how much her JFA Training experience impacted her life. I pray that you are able to join us for one of our trainings this fall and have a life-changing experience like Kaley's.

Your continued support is such a blessing to so many! Your gifts and prayers are vital to our efforts to train students like Kaley to make to make abortion unthinkable, one person at a time.

God bless you!

Richest blessings In Christ,

Tammy Cook