

2005 Resolution

Sexual and Reproductive Rights

WHEREAS the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) has long supported sexual and reproductive health and rights which are grounded in recognized public health and human rights principles including the right to confidential health care, self-determination; and

WHEREAS availability to Wisconsin citizens of accurate and affordable comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education and services, including safe abortion, improves health care decision making and reduces death and injury,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that WPHA urges elected and appointed officials, local government leaders, and representatives of agencies that create and administer health-related policy to support and promote sexual and reproductive health and rights for all by:

- Supporting comprehensive scientifically accurate age-appropriate information about sexuality and reproductive health for all: and.
- Maintaining a strong system of community-based family planning and sexually transmitted infections health care to insure access to clinical services as well as access to confidential all-options information to everyone in need, including minors seeking information, care, and treatment; and,
- Ensuring that government-supported sexuality education programs include comprehensive scientifically accurate age-appropriate information; and,
- Improving sexual and reproductive health by reducing disparities in access regardless of changes in administrations at the state and federal level.

Fiscal Impact: No cost to WPHA.

Probable impact on public health: All couples and individuals have the right to decide freely and responsibly the number, spacing and timing of their children, to have the information and means to do so, and to make decisions concerning reproduction free of discrimination, coercion and violence.]

References

1. Support for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the United States and Abroad, American Public Health Association resolution 2003-14
Please note the APHA resolution is extensively footnoted.

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