Health
Family Planning and Sex Education

The Friends Committee on Legislation believes that effective family planning begins with good sex education.

This education should include information about physiology, varieties of sexual behavior, consistently safe sex practice, contraception, and sexually transmitted infections. Equally important, education for sexual responsibility, including concern for partners and for children who may be conceived, should be available to every person in our society.

Access to contraception should be generally available.

It is preferable to prevent an unwanted pregnancy. For women with unwanted pregnancies, counseling and information about adoption and abortion should be provided. We see abortion as the least desirable form of birth control, but we affirm the right of women to make this choice. Women whose unborn are diagnosed with serious genetic problems should have access to appropriate genetic counseling. Necessary finances should be available to women to carry out their choices.

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