

MISSION STATEMENT

To assist women and men to understand and take responsibility for their reproductive health through education, counseling and medical services.

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

Planned families mean healthy babies are born to parents who are financially and emotionally prepared to care for them. The end result is healthier, happier families. Thus, the North Dakota Family Planning Program (NDFPP) believes it is every North Dakotan's right regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, sex, parity, disability, economic or marital status to make a voluntary, informed decision about whether or not to have children, the spacing and number of those children, and the choice of a method of contraception that is consistent with their lifestyle. It is the belief of the NDFPP that comprehensive, voluntary family planning services aimed at prevention are a necessity.

Family Planning services including educational, medical and social components are an integral part of maternal and child health. Thus, most of the family planning agencies are located in public health units or other agencies that provide additional services such as Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Well Child Clinics, immunization programs, Optimal Pregnancy Outcome Programs, etc.

Because the needs of many North Dakotans are above and beyond the scope of the NDFPP, referrals to and from private physicians and other health, social and human services agencies are necessary. Such networking is promoted so that the maximum level of health, happiness and personal development of the citizens of North Dakota and their families can be achieved as well as ensuring cost effective delivery of care by professionals trained in their specialty areas.