## Vancouver Women's Health Collective & La Collective de Santé des Femmes de Vancouver 1501 West Broadway

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The Health Collective is a feminist, anti-capitalist group which is part of the women's movement.

Our goals are:

- 1. To continue to develop our critical perspective of health and ill-health as they exist under capitalism with a particular focus on the Health Care Industry and itsfar-reaching destructive effects.
- 2. To expose the roots of ill-health in our society, in our contacts with individuals, groups and in our writing, and to encourage others to take part in the struggle.
- 3. To continue to develop our understanding of heath and healing including undoing our conditioning around Western medicine and creating, reclaiming and recycling the tools of health.
- 4. To reach a greater number and wider spectrum of women.
- 5. To provide information covering a broad range of health and health related issues to the public with emphasis on women becoming able to make their own decisions, to be more in control of their lives, and to share the information with others.
- 6. To effectively encourage the formation of self-help groups around specific health care issues.
- 7. To meet some of the immediate needs of women (eg. pregnancy tests, counselling) to continually teach women any skills involved and to foster the development of independent groups to do this work.
- 8. To support a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy.

- 9. To actively participate in information exchange and support with groups who share our perspective, and groups within the women's health network.
- 10. To develop a self-sufficient structure so that we may become independent of government funding.
- 11. To continue to work collectively with emphasis on our process.
- 12. To confront together the political contradictions in our personal and work lives.
- 13. To take good care of ourselves.