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International Women's Day 2002 and women still face barriers to accessing respectful health care

Vancouver - "Disrespect such as women being told that health services such as midwifery are not available. As well women are being refused care by doctors because they desire to use alternative and complementary treatments, are some stories I have been told" says Angela J. Gray, CHA Coordinator.

The VWHC, Community Health Advocate Project (CHA) has been providing Patient's Rights workshops to a variety of community organizations to deal with these problems. The Patient's Rights workshop and the 28 page Information Kit inform women about the health care services available and how to access appropriate services.

Since our founding in 1972 the Vancouver Women's Health Collective (VWHC) has exposed the overt disrespect women have received within the health care system. The VWHC thanks the Vancouver Foundation and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority for funding the CHA project.

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For further information visit us at the Vancouver Public Library March 8, 2002 in the Promenade. **Angela J. Gray CHA Coordinator will be available for questions from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.**