

What has financial security got to do with women's health?

For sixteen years the Vancouver Women's Health Collective has been helping women to choose their own direction in health care. Founded on the principle of self-help the Health Collective has become an organization with a national reputation for political action and feminist health research.

In 1983 the B.C. government withdrew core funding from the Health Collective. Since then we have completed several short-term projects with the help of other governmental agencies. However, our future is far from secure. We remain very vulnerable, especially in areas where project funding is not available. Over the past two years alone, non-funded work has included:

- Workshops on PMS, Menopause, Birth Control and Stress.
- Advocacy on the Dalkon Shield IUD including the formation of **Dalkon Shield Action Canada**, a pan-Canadian information and support organization.
- Advocacy on the precedent-setting Baby R case when, in May 1987, the B.C. social services ministry apprehended an unborn child for the first time.
- Operation and maintenance of the Women's Health Information Centre, including counselling, telephone information lines, referrals and pregnancy testing.
- Advocacy on Depo Provera, an injectable hormone, to prevent its approval for contraceptive use in Canada.

We cannot get governments or foundations to fund this, and other important work. In order to respond to women's health needs we must maintain financial security. And that's where you come in.

As an organization of committed health activists we are an independent voice for women in B.C. and across the country. Your donation will keep advocacy and information-sharing essential parts of our work.

*Help secure
a lasting voice for
women's health needs!*

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