

Family Planning is Basic Health Care Resolution

Whereas Family Planning helps improve the health and well being of women, men, and children.

Whereas the ability to plan and space pregnancies reduces maternal and infant mortality, as well as other strains on families, communities, resources, and the environment.

Whereas access to barrier forms of contraceptives like condoms are critical to prevent the spread of STIs, including HIV/AIDS

Whereas the best way to prevent unintended pregnancies and make abortion rare is to make sure women, couples, and teens have medically accurate information about and access to birth control.

Whereas Family Planning is cost-effective, and every public dollar spent on family planning services saves \$3.80 in Medicaid costs for pregnancy-related health care and for medical care of newborns.

Therefore be it resolved that the Washington State Democratic Party will contact its members in the legislature to let them know that Family Planning is a part of basic health care and a crucial part of the health care safety net, and will urge them to support and fund family planning services as a priority in Washington State.

Proposed by: _____

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Signature of Caucus Chair: _____