

REMEMBER THE DIGNITY
OF YOUR WOMANHOOD.
DO NOT APPEAL.
DO NOT BEG,
DO NOT GROVEL.
TAKE COURAGE,
JOIN HANDS
STAND BESIDE US.
FIGHT WITH US....."

CHRISTABEL PANKHURST
ENGLISH SUFFRAGETTE (1850-1958)



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1975 CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND HEALTH

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PREFACE

Here it is — the long overdue *Proceedings* for last year's 1975 Conference on Women and Health. We are sorry the *Proceedings* could not have been sent out sooner, but it has been difficult for those of us involved in planning the Conference to gather and organize materials for the *Proceedings* in addition to all the other work we are doing. Even now, complete Conference reports are not in, but the few of us who have taken on the responsibility of compiling this account of the Conference activities have made the "uncollective" decision to put out what we have received to date. Hopefully this will be useful if not comprehensive.

We welcome feedback. Please address all correspondence to:

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If you were not a Conference participant and would like a copy of these *Proceedings*, please send \$2.00 to the above address. If you were a Conference participant and did not receive your copy of the *Proceedings*, please let us know.

We are still excited and charged by last year's Conference. We hope that other women will organize a similar conference in another part of the country (maybe the Midwest?) in the near future.

In Sisterhood,
Judy Norsigian
for the Conference Planning Committee



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INTRODUCTION TO THE

PROCEEDINGS FOR THE 1975 CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND HEALTH

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The 1975 Conference on Women and Health, held in Boston, MA, April 4-7, 1975 was attended by 2000-2500 women from all over the country, and a number of women from Canada. Our purpose was to bring together women of varying backgrounds and interests, both as health consumers and as health workers, so that we could learn from one another, identify common interests and concerns, and find ways for some of us to work together towards improving women's health care.

The Conference was free to all participants (see later discussion). All "official" sponsors of the Conference were groups which had a particular focus on women's health and whose members were all women (see list following Intro). Representatives from the sponsoring groups comprised the Planning Group, which made all major decisions for the Conference. All of our labor, including the work of many women (and some men) who helped out during various stages of planning and organizing, was volunteer.

Included in these Proceedings are the keynote addresses, several papers presented at workshops and seminars, reports prepared by the sub-groups responsible for organizing the workshops in various areas of women's health, and a Resource List. These proceedings do not report on every workshop and do not cover everything that happened at the Conference, but we have presented a fairly comprehensive synopsis of what went on. Feedback from Conference participants is still welcome and will be forwarded to the next group of women who take on the challenge of organizing another such health conference (write: HEALTH CONFERENCE, Box 192, W. Somerville, MA 02144).

The Planning Group: The sponsoring organizations, whose representatives composed the Planning Group, differed widely, from strictly professional groups with no explicit feminist orientation (such as the New England chapter of the American Medical Women's Association) to working groups with a highly developed commitment to feminism (such as the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, the Boston Women's Health Book Collective, and the Women's Community Health Center). Our Planning Group was the largest and most ambitious citywide coalition of women concerned with health issues that had ever been attempted in the area. In a very short time we created a network of communications which had not previously existed and which has endured now that the Conference is over. That we were able to do this attests to the strength and increasing maturity of the women's health movement.

We would like to share our post-conference analysis of the process by which the Conference was planned and carried out. In the midst of our feelings of exhilaration and accomplishment, we understand in retrospect some of our mistakes.

The diversity which was the source of our greatest strength was also our greatest weakness. Because we did not know each other well, had not worked together before, and were afraid of disrupting our new and fragile alliance, we did not make an effort to define our principles of unity or to explore our points of disagreement. We avoided serious debate, and as a result, developed neither a clear political stance nor specific recommendations for action on health issues. We believe this a common problem in the building of coalitions, but in our case it was aggravated by both time constraints and women's traditional reluctance to confront, argue, and struggle. Our lack of clarity seriously compromised our process of working together and of making decisions. We now consider this to be one source of our major mistakes. We would like to discuss these mistakes here, in the spirit of self-criticism, and with the hope that we may help others to avoid them.

Leadership and Participation: In the very early stages of planning for the Conference we subdivided into 10 working groups along the lines of interest and affinity (see list following Intro). Each working sub-group included at least one member of the Conference Planning Group. These working groups assumed major responsibility for planning events in their area of interest,

but often had little communication with members of other working groups. It was almost as if we were ten groups planning ten separate conferences to occur simultaneously. Although most of these smaller groups worked extremely well, the larger Conference Planning Groups was less successful in the overall coordinating and planning of the Conference. This primarily was because those of us in the Planning Group had other full-time commitments. The one woman to whom major planning responsibility often fell by default (she worked close to full-time without pay for several months) ultimately influenced us to make many decisions about timing, money, and location, with very little discussion. Her leadership and vision became a substitute for the cohesiveness and clarity which we had not struggled to achieve. Now most of us feel it would have been better to have taken the time to develop this cohesiveness, because the leadership of one individual, however dedicated, can rarely make up for a basic lack of unity.

Timing: The desire of some principal organizers to have the Conference during that academic year was a major consideration in the choice of the Conference date. Because we did not give ourselves adequate planning time, planning meetings were rushed and frenzied. Much important discussion did not take place, because always there was "no time." Many of us now believe it would have been wiser to have taken the time necessary to plan more thoroughly and form a more solid coalition. It is often easy to avoid difficult and serious discussion by creating a situation where time pressures make it impossible. We hope others can avoid this trap.

Money: From the start it was clear that the limited financial resources among us, the sponsoring organizations, would greatly restrict what we could do. We either had to generate funds at the Conference (by charging a registration fee, selling literature, etc.), hold pre-Conference benefits (highly risky propositions), obtain external funding, or work on some combination of these. Several organizers were totally committed to a Conference that would produce no income—no registration fees, no profit from literature sales, etc. Others of us felt that if we did not depend upon our constituency for financial support, then we would have to depend upon the dubious generosity of the establishment we are trying to change. The idea of asking for donations from Conference participants made more sense to many of us, since this would have provided the Conference with some income without excluding poorer women. However, none of us persisted with our objections to a totally free Conference, either because we didn't feel so strongly about the issue, because we were afraid of heated confrontation, or because we were reluctant to take up precious time with debate. In retrospect, some of us now feel that this decision was one of our major errors, that we incurred enormous financial, emotional and physical hardships upon ourselves by allowing this decision to go forward.

So we decided to seek external funding (corporate gifts and foundation grants) and began sending our funding requests in November. Our intention was to get money pretty much where we could, as long as no special conditions or requirements for formal acknowledgments were attached to the fits. (It is ironic that, despite this intention, the contributions of *all* organizations ultimately were acknowledged on the Conference Program. This slip-up was one of the more serious consequences of our being over-worked, over-committed, and in poor communication during the last few weeks right before the Conference.) Though we were aware that money never really comes with "no strings attached," we had little discussion of this. We had little debate about "where our money should come from" and focused more upon trying to approach as many likely funding sources as possible, including some corporations whose practices were objectionable to us. Our decision to have a "free" conference led us into this compromise position.

To about 30 requests for funding we received only three positive responses from established corporations or foundations (a total of

\$750). Added on to the money allocated for the Conference by several of the sponsoring organizations and by a couple of other local groups, this amounted to under \$3,000 for our total Conference budget (for publicity, printing, honoraria, rentals, etc.). This was totally inadequate for a conference of the scope we were planning, but we were already committed to having the Conference and proceeded ahead anyway. One catastrophic consequence of insufficient funds was, of course, our having to choose a rent-free Conference site (see later discussion). Also, much printed matter about important women's health care issues was not reproduced in sufficient quantity. Fortunately, it was possible for one sponsoring organization to make extra last-minute contributions so that a number of basic expenses could be met. Also, almost all Planning Group members made private contributions. But the constant anxiety about money, the need to search out workshop leaders, materials, and equipment that would not cost anything, drained a lot of energy that would have been better spent on other tasks (like how to best implement the Conference goals, or how to best schedule workshops so that women working in different areas of women's health would be encouraged to meet and interact with one another).

Given what little money we had, it was amazing that so much was achieved. Here, we would like to thank those of you who donated your time, effort and materials. We also recognize that this acknowledgment of your generosity cannot be a substitute for the financial compensation which, for many of you, is vital to your survival. We urge women who might someday plan a similar conference to allow plenty of time to discuss finances, to make it possible to pay women for some (if not all) of their labor, and to gather together at least enough funds to ensure a certain degree of autonomy and flexibility.

Location: Once the basic decisions about money had been made, we were restricted in our choice of location. We ultimately agreed to have the Conference in the Harvard Medical School area, because medical students were able to obtain the use of Harvard buildings. We did not fully understand, however, the price we would eventually pay for this agreement. We had no position of strength from which to bargain for effective control of the space. Harvard was able to dictate absolutely the terms for our use of the buildings, and threatened, even after the Conference started, to close us down if their conditions were not met. Because of these conditions attached to our use of the space, we were obliged to go through a rigid process of registration and a complex routine of security, with all the horrors this entailed: long lines, hours of waiting, and people being turned away from workshops they don't want, on the grounds that the workshops were "closed." This was the most serious defect of the Conference, for which we were very justly criticized. It was another price we all paid for the fact that the conference was "free" to participants. Many of us now feel that the Conference was free only by the narrowest definition, and the price we paid was exorbitant.

To add insult to injury, Harvard was able to take credit for the Conference in the media, since it had taken place on their territory. For some of us, the joy of "liberating" that territory for four days was undermined when we read the *Boston Globe* headlines implying that Harvard sponsored the conference.

The Conference

The structure of the Conference as a whole reflected the structure of the Planning Group. Diverse ourselves, we brought together a large number of women with a wide variety of interests and skills. There was a feeling of excitement in the recognition of our basic strength and unity, even if that unity was at times only

sentimental. We gave women from widely different backgrounds the opportunity to meet, participate, and share skills, and we helped to create a nation-wide network of communication for women who identify with the women's health movement. In spite of the numerous inconveniences to which most participants were subjected (not the least of which was the weather: it snowed in April), there was not much complaining and animosity. Though many sensitive issues were discussed, participants seemed able to walk the line between appropriate caution and paranoia. It was a meeting of people discovering (or reaffirming their belief) that we are part of a living movement. The spirit was good.

Because we, the Planning Group, had not articulated our points of unity, we were not able to offer Conference participants a structure for debate. There were no concrete recommendations for action which could be voted up or down by the Conference in full session. Serious political argument was often avoided. There was no major confrontation or exchange on the major issues dividing women in this country today: race, class, sexual orientation or feminism itself. Instead, like tended to consort with like—caucuses formed and went about their own business—and women of different (and sometimes conflicting) perspectives did not interact very much with one another (for example, lesbian health care workshops were attended almost exclusively by lesbians). The Third World Women's Caucus described the Conference as essentially segregated (see their statement); their criticism was justified.

These criticisms suggest the Conference should have been or could have been otherwise. However, another interpretation is possible. Since the current women's health movement is relatively new, it could not be demonstrated before this Conference that there really was anything more than a few groups of women in different parts of the country working separately on women's health issues. The Conference did provide a genuine umbrella under which all of the diverse groups could present their viewpoints on the special problems or the larger issues which concerned them. Most remarkably, the Conference did verify the existence and strength of a women's health movement and has demonstrated an unmistakable unity from which further progress is possible. For most of us, this is an important start.

Some Major Themes of the Conference:

1. Many workshops brought up the advantages and disadvantages of working both within traditional health institutions and within alternative structures. Women with similar visions of the "ideal" health care system often had very different strategies for changing the current system. Among many women there was agreement that we needed to work on all fronts, that we needed to pressure existing institutions from both within and without, that we were all important, both as health consumers and as health workers, in the struggle for change.

2. Different interest groups felt segregated and cut off from others at the Conference. Lesbians and Third World women registered specific protests about this problem, which many of us recognize as a general problem within the women's health movement: we are often unable to support one another because we are poorly informed about one another's activities.

3. Many workshops focused on the relationship between our health care system and our society as a whole. Has the health care system now become a major force of socialization and a major source of societal problems, or is it still primarily a reflection of our political and economic system? Or is it a mixture of both?

Although the Conference failed specifically to encourage women to get together and to focus on possibilities for future action, it did provide an important forum for us to exchange ideas and strategies, and to learn from one another. Also, a few specific projects did emerge from the Conference (for example, the Lesbian Pamphlet Writing Group).

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THE 1975 CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND HEALTH

The 1975 Conference on Women & Health was planned by a large group of women health workers, women students and local community women. We have come together to create a forum for discussion of current issues which affect all women seeking and giving health care. We have worked to provide a common ground from which community women and women health workers can make it possible for all women to reclaim control of their bodies and their health. We dedicate this conference to you, our sisters in the struggle for better health care and good health for all people.

FRIDAY

Registration	9:00 a.m.	Vanderbilt Common
Community activities in tribute to the late Rev. Martin Luther King		
SELF-HELP CAUCUS	5:00 p.m.	Amphitheatre C
HISTORY OF WOMEN & MEDICINE: Laurie Crumpacker Barbara Ehrenreich Deborah Hiatt	6:30 p.m.	Amphitheatre C
RAPE: Boston Area Rape Crisis Center		Conference Room D
CHILD CUSTODY: Nancy Borofski Mary Anne Daugherty Judy Newman		Conference Room C
MASSAGE: Bobbi Lev		Vanderbilt Deanery
POETRY READING: Karey Lindsay Sue Silvermare and others		Amphitheatre E
FILMS		Amphitheatre D
HISTORY OF THE WOMEN'S HEALTH MOVEMENT Boston Women's Health Book Collective Carol Downer Healthright	8:00 p.m.	Amphitheatre C
WORKSHOP FOR MEN		Conference Room C
MUSIC & THEATRE: Lou Crimmons Adrian Landau The Cambridge Ensemble and others		
FILMS		Amphitheatre D
SATURDAY		
Registration	9:00 a.m.	Vanderbilt Common
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dorothy Brown	10:00 a.m.	Boston Latin HS Aud.
CAUCUS OF THIRD WORLD WOMEN	11:15 a.m.	Amphitheatre C
BIRTH CONTROL & THIRD WORLD WOMEN: Dorothy Brown Laureli Means Maritza Arrastia Helen Rodriguez	12:00 p.m.	Amphitheatre C
THE SECOND 40 YEARS: Marjorie Collins Sally Lunt rape; Pauline Bart		Countway Aud. Minot Room

SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN: Allen Room

Mary Howell
Naomi Shapiro

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AS AN ORGANIZING TOOL

Urban Planning Aid

MALPRACTICE: Belita Cowan

PRIMARY CARE WE CAN DO AT HOME:

Cathy Crawford

SELF-HELP DEMONSTRATION:

Women's Community Health Center

FILMS

1:30 p.m.

MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT CHILDBIRTH:

Diane Altman
Debbie Beck
Robbie Pfeufer

Norma Swenson
Pat Tabors
Maureen Turner

HEALTH CARE IN CHINA & CUBA:

Emilio Carillo
Helen Rodriguez

Ruth Sidel
Helen Zia

THE POLITICS OF ABORTION:

Dorothy Brown
Judy Herman
Detroit Feminist Women's Health Center

Elizabeth McCord
Pam Lowry

LESBIANS & THE HEALTH SYSTEM:

Linda Bennett
Lucy Candib
Kathleen LaChance

Donna Medley
Kathy Riley
Judi Stein
Laura Rood

WOMEN & DRUGS:

Women, Inc.

COMMUNITY CONTROL OF HEALTH SERVICES:

Carolyn Chang
Jovita Fontenez
Dorothy Garrison

DEVELOPING AN ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM:

Boston Women's Health Book Collective
Jennifer Burgess
Carol Downer

Healthright
Lolly Hirsch

WOMEN & HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION:

Mary Howell
Pauline Bart

WOMEN & ALCOHOL:

Norma Finkelstein

CANCER OF THE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM:

Carol Derbyshire
Valerie Donohue

ORGANIZING A WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY:

Eleanor Pullen

FILMS

2:00 p.m.

SELF-HELP DEMONSTRATION/TOUR

Women's Community Health Center, Cambridge

3:30 p.m.

WOMEN & NUTRITION:

Candy Gibson
Fanny Gutman
Maggie Letvin

Wendy Midgly
Carol Palmer
Jane Tarver

WOMEN WORKING WITH WOMEN IN HEALTH CARE

Ware Room

Conference Room C

Conference Room D

Deanery

Amphitheatre D

Amphitheatre C

Kresge G1

Countway Aud.

Faculty Room

Minot Room

Kresge G2

Kresge GE

Allen Room

Ware Room

Kresge 213

Kresge 201

Amphitheatre D

Amphitheatre C

Kresge G1

POLITICS OF WOMEN IN THERAPY: Roberta Cohen Miriam Greenspan Ellen Keniston	Marianne Roncoli Laura Rood	Countway Aud.	PHILOSOPHY OF SELF-HELP: Boston Women's Health Book Collective Jennifer Burgess Carol Downer Lolly Hirsch	8:00 p.m.	Amphitheatre C
THE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE OF LAY MIDWIFERY: Linda Bennett		Faculty Room	SPEAKER: Mary Daly		Faculty Room
SEXISM & THE TREATMENT OF DRUG ADDICTION: Carolyn Brown Brenda Crawford	Pat Spector Marionette Temieli	Minot Room	PROFESSIONALISM & PARAPROFESSIONALISM IN MENTAL HEALTH: Linda Luster Ellen Ratner Lyda Peters		Amphitheatre E
HEALTH LEGISLATION: Barbara Ehrenreich Susan Reverby		Kresge G2	THIRD WORLD WOMEN & THE WOMEN'S HEALTH MOVEMENT: Triple Jeopardy		Conference Room C
POLITICS OF MATERNITY CARE: Norma Swenson		Kresge 213	ABORTION TECHNIQUES & ALTERNATIVES: Elizabeth McCord Marilyn Speizer		Conference Room D
WOMEN HEALTH WORKERS IN CHINA: Ruth Sidel		Allen Room	LESBIAN HEALTH WORKERS: Carla Burton Peggy Lynch		Vanderbilt Deanery
THE GYNECOLOGICAL EXAMINATION & HOSPITALIZATION EXPERIENCE FOR LESBIANS: Gail Goldstein Kathy Riley		Vanderbilt Deanery	VENEREAL DISEASE: Barbara Carlson Estelle McDonough		E305
HOME BIRTH: Birth Day, Inc.		Ware Room	POPULATION CONTROL: Bonnie Max		E306
HEALTH PROBLEMS OF NON-WHITE COMMUNITIES: Barbara Benjamin Mei-Ling Ma		Kresge GE	WOMEN'S PHYSIOLOGY: Barbara Kass		E315
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH: A PERSONAL HISTORY: Harriet Hardy		E305	FILMS		Amphitheatre D
PREGNANCY & SUPPORT GROUPS: Debby Beck COPE, Inc. Maureen Turner		E306	SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.		Boston Latin HS Aud.
SELF-HELP FOR CHILDBIRTH: Boston Association for Childbirth Education Linda Stubblefield		E315	11:00 a.m.		Boston Latin HS Aud.
SELF-HELP DEMONSTRATION: Women's Community Health Center		E321	12:00 noon		Simmons L109
FILMS		Amphitheatre D	HEALTH CARE & THE FARM LABOR MOVEMENT: Dolores Huerta Sylvestre Quevado-Grado		Simmons L102
5:00 p.m.			HOSPITAL ORGANIZING: NURSES: Mass Nurses Association Nurses Now		Simmons L103
MENTAL HEALTH MODELS: A WOMAN'S WAY: Jean Baker Miller		Amphitheatre C	WOMAN WISDOM: LEARNING FROM OLDER WOMEN: Virginia Hamel Sally Lunt		Simmons L301
FILMS		Amphitheatre D	PRIMARY CARE WE CAN DO AT HOME: Margaret Craig Barbara Blakeney		Boston Latin HS Aud.
6:00 p.m.			FILMS		Boston Latin HS Aud.
POLITICS OF POPULATION CONTROL: Dorothy Brown Linda Gordon	Bonnie Max Helen Rodriguez	Amphitheatre C	2:00 p.m.		Countway Aud.
SPEAKER: Pauline Bart		Kresge G1	FOLK MEDICINE: Dian Buschman Sister Guru Pria		Countway Aud.
MENOPAUSE: Boston Women's Health Book Collective Marjorie Collins Sally Lunt		Kresge G3	BREAST CANCER: Sandy Altman Oliver Cope Mary Costanza		Kresge G1
WOMEN WORKING WITH WOMEN IN HEALTH CARE		Kresge 201	TECHNOLOGY & REPRESSION: Caroline Hunter		Allen Room
INFERTILITY: Johanna Perlmutter, Ellen Bresnick		Conference Room C	CHILDBIRTH, DRUGS & THE FDA: Doris Haire		Kresge G2
MENSTRUAL PROBLEMS: Esther Rome Emily Culpepper		Conference Room D	THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF HEALTH CARE: Barbara Ehrenreich Susan Reverby		Minot Room
MENTAL HEALTH & THERAPY FOR LESBIANS Laura Rood		Kresge 202	HOSPITAL ORGANIZING: TRADE UNIONS: Sara Anderson		Kresge 201
ALTERNATIVE DIVISION OF LABOR IN HEALTH CARE		Kresge 203	BIRTH CONTROL: Leslie Corrin		Kresge 202
EXERCISE & DIET: Maggie Letvin		Vanderbilt Gym			
MASSAGE: Ananda		Vanderbilt Deanery			
FILMS		Amphitheatre D			

WORKING WIVES & MOTHERS: Mary Howell Kresge 203
 LESBIAN MOTHERHOOD: Paula Bennett Vanderbilt Deanery
 LESBIANS: SEX & SENSUALITY: Peggy Lynch Simmons L102
 LESBIANS: INFECTIONS & SEXUALITY: Gail Goldstein Simmons L103
 Kathleen LaChance
 LESBIAN AS HEALTH WORKER: Pat Livingston Simmons L109
 FILMS Boston Latin HS Aud.

3:00 pm
 WORKSHOP/TOURS Somerville Women's Health Project, Somerville
 Boston Area Rape Crisis Center Cambridge
 Women's Community Health Center Cambridge

4:00 pm
 THIRD WORLD WOMEN HEALTH WORKERS: Minot Room
 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH: HOW TO SURVEY YOUR WORKPLACE: Kresge G1
 Urban Planning Aid
 WOMEN IN MENTAL INSTITUTIONS: Countway Aud.
 Barbara Albenesius
 Michelle Clark
 Mental Patients Liberation Front
 ADOLESCENT WOMEN: Healthright Kresge G2
 LESBIAN-RELATED RESEARCH: Vanderbilt Deanery
 Kathleen LaChance
 Beverly Reiss
 AGING: Lydia Bragger Allen Room
 Anna Bissonnette
 LESBIANS: ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION AT HOME Ware Room
 Helen Donaldson
 WOMEN & HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION: Kresge G3
 Mary Howell
 Elaine Shiang
 LESBIANS & THE WOMEN'S HEALTH MOVEMENT: Kresge 201
 Judi Stein
 Gail Goldstein
 Kathy Riley
 THE CESAREAN SECTION PATIENT: Simmons L109
 Nancy Cohen
 Pat Erickson
 MATERNITY CARE & WORKING CLASS WOMEN: Kresge 202
 Carmen Morales
 Robbie Pfeufer
 Jane Pierce
 Jane Tarver
 FILMS Boston Latin HS Aud.

5:30 pm
 SPEAKER: Carol Downer Countway Aud.
 HOSPITAL ORGANIZING OUTSIDE OF TRADE UNIONS: Transfusion Allen Room

6:30 pm
 HERBAL MEDICINE: Dian Buschman Kresge G1
 NURSING HOMES: Lydia Bragger Kresge 201
 WOMEN WORKING WITH WOMEN: PAMPHLET WRITING Kresge 202
 PART-TIME RESIDENCIES: Minot Room
 Claire Broome
 Mary Howell
 Rose Sokas
 ADOLESCENT WOMEN & HEALTH: Allen Room
 Boston Women's Health Book Collective
 Somerville Women's Health Project

MENSTRUAL EXTRACTION: Vanderbilt Deanery
 Detroit Feminist Women's Health Center
 Lorraine Rothman
 WRITING A LESBIAN HEALTH PAMPHLET Ware Room
 FILMS Boston Latin HS Aud.
 8:00 pm
 KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Barbara Ehrenreich Boston Latin HS Aud.
 8:45 pm
 FILMS Boston Latin HS Aud.

MONDAY

10:00 am

HISTORY OF NURSING: Phyllis Moore Countway Aud.
 UNNECESSARY SURGERY ON WOMEN: Irina Posner Faculty Room
 Barbara Seaman
 Norma Swenson
 WOMEN'S SEXUALITY: Boston Women's Health Book Collective Conference Room D
 TRADITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR WOMEN AND ALTERNATIVES: Patricia Moccia Arlene Petrick Kresge G1
 Myrna Nathan Maureen Varney
 Laura Neimeyer
 POLITICAL ECONOMY OF WOMEN IN THE HEALTH LABOR FORCE: Grace Kleinbach Minot Room
 CO-COUNSELLING: Diane Balsler Kresge 202

12:00 pm
 SPEAKER: Barbara Seaman Faculty Room
 HEALTH HAZARDS TO MEDICAL AREA WORKERS: Countway Aud.
 FILMS Amphitheatre C 2:00 pm
 THE BIRTH EXPERIENCE & AFTER: Linda Bennett Lamaze, Inc. Countway Aud.
 Tanya Brooks Mary O'Brien
 Liz Haines Norma Swenson
 PATIENTS RIGHTS: Healthright Faculty Room
 Darla Long
 MCHR
 WOMAN-RUN CLINICS Kresge G1
 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Mary Rowe Allen Room
 Terri Menke
 Eileen Shapiro
 HOUSEWIVES & DRUG ABUSE: Joy Camp Conference Room D
 New Haven Women's Health Advocates
 Linda Zaks
 PARENTING: Mary Howell Vanderbilt Deanery
 DES: BANNED FOR CATTLE, prescribed for women; Minot Room
 PRESCRIBED FOR WOMEN: Vicki Jones
 Kay Weiss
 FILMS Amphitheatre C
 4:00 pm
 RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY & WOMEN'S HEALTH: Bonnie Max Faculty Room
 Vicki Jones
 Kay Weiss
 Doris Haire

CONSUMER CONTROL OF HEALTH SERVICES: Countway Aud. Dorothy Garrison	
LAY MIDWIFERY: Linda Bennett	Conference Room D
POLITICS OF MATERNITY CARE II: Ruth Bell Jane Pincus Norma Swenson	Conference Room C
WOMEN HEALTH WORKERS IN CHINA: Helen Zia	Vanderbilt Deanery
PRIMARY CARE WE CAN DO AT HOME: Mary Howell	E305
BREASTFEEDING: La Leche League	E306
RIGHTS OF MATERNITY PATIENTS: Barbara Popper	E315
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES DURING CHILDBIRTH AT HOME: Tanya Brooks Betty Clark Tina Long	E321
LAMAZE: A SHARED LEARNING EXPERIENCE	E405
RAPE: Boston Area Rape Crisis Center 6:30 pm	E406

**WORKSHOP REPORTS/
CLOSING SESSION** Boston Latin HS Aud.

There is no fee for registration or films. Much of the literature on display in the conference resource center is free to registered participants. Conference book shops have been set up by the Black Survival Bookstore, the Red Book, New Words and Other Voices.

Day care services for children under five are also free to registered participants. The conference day care center is located at Simmons College.

Children cannot accompany adults to any workshop or panel held in the following rooms:

Countway Aud.	Minot Room
Ware Room	Allen Room

The following events were added to the Conference:

- Survival Houses for Women
Kip Tiernan
- Rape Victims, Women in Prison and Prisoners Against Rape
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