

2010 Prevention First Agenda
Prevention First = Healthy Families

Improving access to preventive health care and supporting healthy families should be a shared goal in Missouri. If we are committed to reducing the number of unintended pregnancies and abortions in Missouri, we must get to the root of the problem through prevention programs such as: ensuring comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education in schools and communities; protecting women's access to birth control; fighting sexually transmitted infections, and helping to plan for healthy pregnancies and healthy families.

According to a Missouri poll conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates:

- **86% of Missourians support teaching comprehensive sex education in schools**
- **65% of Missourians believe all pharmacies should be required to dispense over-the-counter and prescription contraception to patients without discrimination or delay**
- **59% of Missourians want legislators to focus on preventing unintended pregnancy instead of placing additional restrictions on abortion**

2010 PREVENTION FIRST ACT (PFA)

The Prevention First Act is a collection of common sense prevention policies that encourage and facilitate responsible behavior. It will be introduced by Rep. Beth Low D-39 and Sen. Joan Bray D-24. **The 2010 Prevention First Act** has been updated and refined based on legislator feedback and includes:

Comprehensive Sex Education: Repeals the restrictive provisions around sex education passed in 2007 in HB 1055. This bill would once again allow trained sex education professionals to be invited into public schools and would require voluntary sex education courses to include information on both abstinence and the benefits of contraception. The bill also addresses issues of internet safety from predators, as well as the unforeseen consequences of "sexting."

Birth Control Protection: Prohibits any government interference in a woman's access to FDA approved contraceptive drugs and devices in Missouri.

Patient Protection: Requires pharmacies to make sure all legal prescriptions or lawful requests for approved over the counter birth control and emergency birth control are dispensed in a timely manner and without undue hardship to the patient.

Expedited Partner Therapy: Allows physicians to dispense and prescribe medications for partners of persons diagnosed with certain sexually transmitted diseases without an office visit in order to curb the growing rate of sexually transmitted infections.

SIGN ON TO PFA TODAY!

To sign on to the 2010 Prevention First Act please contact Senator Joan Bray or Representative Beth Low.