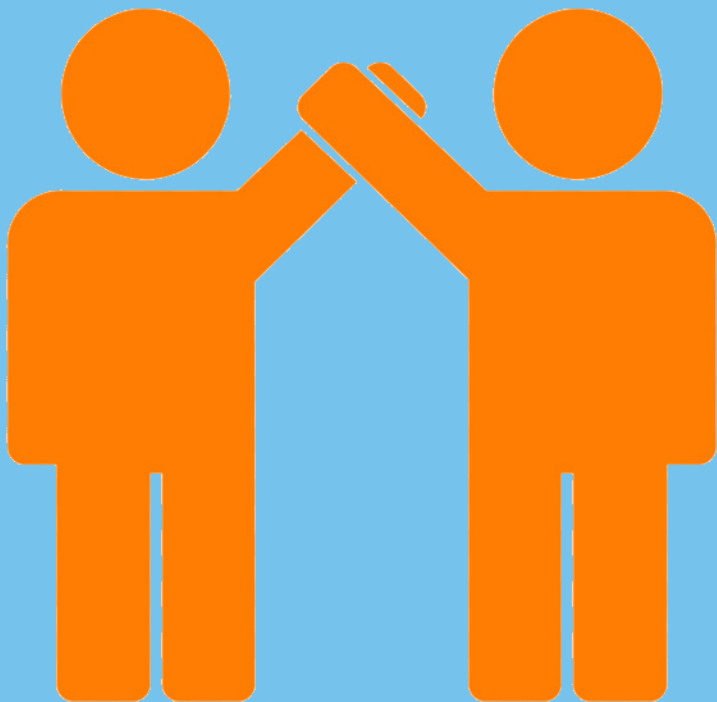




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Planning Association

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**WHEN WE JOIN
TOGETHER WE
ARE STRONGER**

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ABOUT THE BFPA

**SERVING THE
NATION FOR
GENERATIONS**

History

The Barbados Family Planning Association [BFPA], was established in May 1954 and incorporated by an Act of Parliament in June 1967. The Association provides sexual and reproductive health information, clinical services, education, training, community outreach services and research.

Our clinical services includes Contraception, HIV & STI checks, pregnancy testing, pap smears, general counselling, family life counselling and other related services.

Our Youth Department Includes a drop-in center that provides counseling and contraceptive services, and offers young people a safe space to have important discussions about sexual and reproductive health.

The BFPA has also established the successful Youth Advocacy Movement project (YAM), which empowers young people to make informed decisions regarding their Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights.

Our Mission

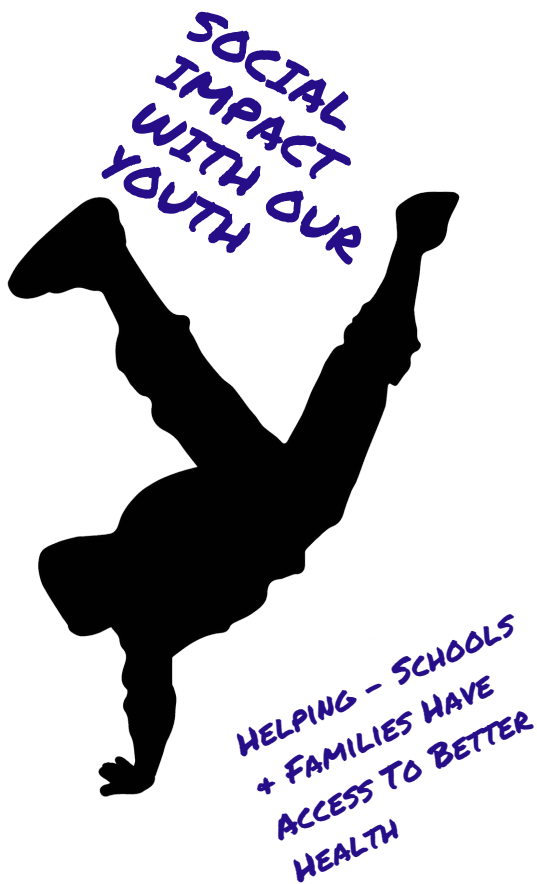
To serve and empower people with their sexual and reproductive health and rights

Our Vision

A community where each individual has access to the highest quality of sexual and reproductive health information, education and services

OUR CORE VALUES

- 1. Compassionate:** Empathy and harmony with clients and colleagues.
- 2. Confidentiality:** Treat all staff and client matters, with the utmost discretion and confidence.
- 3. Inclusivity:** Everyone is welcomed at the BFPA, irrespective of race, gender, age, sexual orientation or other differences.
- 4. Empower:** The BFPA seeks to empower others to make the best possible choices in relation to their SRH and social/welfare issues.
- 5. Excellence:** Operate with a high level of efficiency, professionalism within and outside of the workplace, to achieve targeted results while maintaining the highest quality service provision.
- 6. Value:** All staff members are recognized as being an intricate, valued and respected part of the Association.
- 7. Teamwork:** Commitment to common goals based on open and honest communication while showing concern and support for each other.
- 8. Service Integrity:** Stand by our word of commitment to listen, understand and deliver the outcomes desired by those we serve and take responsibility for our action.



Comprehensive Development Education

The BFPA has been providing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) information and education for many years, guided by IPPF Standards. The BFPA has utilized its youth arm – the Youth Advocacy Movement (YAM) to facilitate education sessions in and out of schools to help our youth make informed decisions relating to their sexuality. Through research and interactions with young persons it was clear that they were not getting this type of intervention. Therefore, in 2017 with technical assistance from the IPPF we embarked on achieving this objective.

We trained a total of 70 educators in the full CDE series. We achieved this through training workshops throughout the project. The BFPA also provided a sub-set of our CSE curriculum to 478 young persons. This was achieved through school interventions which supported the Human Family Life Education (HFLE) Curriculum.

ADVOCACY

We advocate for others on a number of social issues – ranging from access to sexual and reproductive health. Working with key populations and the youth. The involvement of young people in this consultative policy has been quite important and our youth organisation the Youth Advocacy Movement has made itself available through out this consultative process so that our young people have some input in a policy which will impact their ability to access much needed health services.

Much headway has been made in access to health services for all in Stigma and Discrimination free environments. However, there are still groups of vulnerable individuals that the BFPA works with that indicate that they experience challenges accessing especially Sexual and Reproductive Health Services. therefore, the BFPA has taken upon itself to be a watch dog and advocate for such individuals and will be constantly pursuing equitable access for all.

'Today the world is home to 1.8 billion young people under the age of 25. This is the largest generation of young people, ever, and are a vastly diverse group of individuals...Many become sexually active before 15.'

International Planned Parenthood Federation



**Become a
member and
make a
difference**

'Persistent inequalities are compounded by stigma and myths about HIV, abortion and sex which make key populations more alienated and the need for sexual rights more pertinent. These marginalized communities have the greatest need for sexual and reproductive health services and include young people, sex workers, men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, sexually diverse populations and prisoners.' IPPF

MEMBERSHIP

We are known for our transparency and are governed by a Board of Directors under the leadership of President Ruth Philips with representatives of the Ministry of Health, the private sector and NGO partners who reflect the age, ethnic, religious, disability and socio-economic diversity that is Barbados. In 2017 the BFPA undertook a successful governance revitalization exercise to strengthen our Board and volunteer base to accomplish the goals outlined in our strategic framework.

Your membership will include...

Discounted Clinic Services.

Discounted Events and Training Programme Rates.

Discounted Continuing Medical Education Unit Courses.

Invites To Socials and Fundraisers.

Board Opportunities

Volunteer specific training Regular capacity building Courses.

International Volunteer Opportunities with IPPFWHR Regional and IPPF international

Discounted BFPA Items: Shirts, Ties and Mugs.

BFPA Alerts and Readings: - Short Snippets of BFPA activity weekly via email text.

WhatsApp IPPF specific News Alerts and Readings.

All membership applications will be reviewed by our committee and must be in compliance with the 5As for memberships: Advocacy, Access, Adolescent, Abortion, Aids.

When you become a member of the BFPA, you will not only enjoy the special benefits that membership brings, but will be in a position to really help others. There are many areas to choose from: The youth, adolescent young mothers, those at risk from HIV, Key Population groups, women experiencing gender based violence, sex workers and other marginalised groups.



"IPPF leads a locally owned, globally connected civil society movement that provides and enables services and champions sexual and reproductive health and rights for all, especially the underserved."

The BFPA is an affiliate member of the IPPF which operates in over 170 countries to provide help, advice, services and supplies relating to any aspect of sexual and reproductive health. These services are delivered through an IPPF Member Association (MA).

The BFPA is also an associate member of the umbrella organization the Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation (CFPA).

The CFPA is the only regional non-governmental organization (NGO) devoted to family planning and sexual and reproductive health in the Caribbean. CFPA serves 13 island Member Associations and 5 Associate Member Associations in the Caribbean, Central and South America. It supports these Associations with technical assistance and materials, and represents their collective interests at IPPF meetings and in the Caribbean region among governments and NGOs.

'Sexual and reproductive health and rights are human rights. They are also inextricably linked to economic development, health and sustainability.'

To learn more visit: www.ippfwhr.org/en/country/barbados

Core Principles Of Membership

Each member and potential member must commit to these Five (5) core principles of the Barbados Family Planning Association (BFPA) and the International Planned Parenthood Federation

Principle 1: Adolescents

To ensure that adolescents and young people are aware of their sexual and reproductive rights and are empowered to make informed choices regarding their sexual health.

Principle 2: AIDS

To reduce the global incidences of STI/HIV/AIDS and advocate for the full protection of rights of all people living with or who are affected by STIs/HIV/AIDS.

Principle 3: Abortion

To ensure universal recognition of a woman's right to choose and to have access to a safe abortion and to eliminate the incidence of unsafe abortions.

Principle 4: Access

To ensure all people particularly the poor, the marginalized, the under-served, those of different age, race, class, religion, political persuasion and sexual orientation are able to exercise their rights to make free and informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health, through informed sexuality education and high-quality services.

Principle 5: Advocacy

To provide strong public, political and financial commitment in support of sexual and reproductive health and rights at national and international levels.



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the family



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