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Studies In Sex Education

Population Center Aids Family Planning Projects

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Projects in family planning and sex education are being aided in three North Carolina counties by UNC's Carolina Population Center, the nation's largest population study center.

Family planning clinics in Mecklenburg, Caswell and Wake counties offer contraceptive devices and instruct recipients about each device before selection.

A Population Center health educator, Mrs. Ann Sauls, speaks throughout Wake County, urging the community to visit the family planning clinic.

Also in Wake County, the Population Center is collaborating with the Raleigh City School System in planning a three-week summer teacher training program. Selected teachers will be trained to in-

tegrate a sex education curriculum into their classes.

Next fall, the sex education curriculum will be introduced at the fourth-, seventh- and tenth-grade level. By the fall of 1971, it will be taught in grades four through twelve.

A unique aspect of this program is that emphasis is on teacher training and that the Population Center plans an evaluation of the project in 1972.

At the Caswell County clinic, in Yanceyville, family planning publications will be sent out soon to a cross-section of women in the area and a follow-up study of its educational benefits is scheduled.

The materials will be developed by the Educational Materials unit of the Carolina Population Center, directed by Robert Blake.

This unit cooperated with the Department of Radio, Television and Motion Pictures last summer in producing a family planning film to be shown to clinic post-partum patients. The film, "Under One Roof," is the true story of three North Carolina couples and the problems caused by

their large families.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg family planning clinic was one of the first in the nation to distribute oral contraceptives in clinical usage. "The pill" and the intra-uterine device (IUD) have become the most popular devices offered by the clinic.

North Carolina is one of the Population Center's four areas of concern. The others are Thailand, the United Arab Republic and India. Many Population Center staff members have worked in India, including its director, Dr. Moye Freymann, who headed the Central Family Planning Institute in Delhi.

The Population Center is interdisciplinary in nature and works with UNC faculty members in departments ranging from biostatistics to religion. Nineteen departments participate in the program, making it the largest and most complex population center among American universities.

Other population centers are at Harvard, Georgetown, Berkeley, Johns Hopkins, Tulane and the University of Michigan.