



Hitting the books: Nancy Turner, Amelia Graves and Sofia Campbell study Natural Family Planning in Sydney.

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Perth gains in fertility care

Eight new workers for
Natural Fertility Services

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Eight new Natural Fertility Services workers received training in Sydney last week to help meet Perth's Natural Family Planning needs.

Christina Graves, Director of the Administrating Agency of Natural Fertility Services, said that the training of new workers was critical.

"Training new workers was essential for us to meet the requirements of Catholic schools for Family Life Education of students and to teach couples natural family planning methods," Mrs Graves said.

Participants on the weekend received part-one training in Natural Family Planning (NFP). The intense course involved training in NFP methods, historical background informa-

tion, the science behind NFP and ethical and pastoral issues. Attendees of the course will fulfil either of two main roles at Perth's Natural Fertility Services. Some will become part of the Family Life Education (FLE) program. This involves visiting schools and other interested groups to provide information on how to have positive relationships and develop a healthy sexuality.

Others will become teachers of the NFP method of family planning for couples. Mrs Graves said that having sufficient workers was essential to effectively meet the needs of those keen to learn NFP. "Natural Family Planning is an effective and healthy way for couples to manage their fertility and has the full backing of the Church."

Those who would like to learn Natural Family Planning or who want to find out more about Family Life Education can do so by contacting the Natural Fertility Services office on 9223 1396 or by email at admin.nfs@aanet.com.au