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ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTIONS

Thanks to advances in reproductive technology and the occasional turkey baster, the lesbian baby boom has broadened the definition of the "nuclear" family. Videomakers Vicky Funari and Christina Sunley's historical documentary *Alternative Conceptions* looks at a single parent and couple at the forefront of this reproductive revolution. The video features candid discussions of each family's experiences with schools, friends, and donors. *Conceptions* also raises difficult questions. Should

a child have the opportunity to know its biological father? Do sperm donors have legal rights? Is home insemination safe? As legal experts, health advocates, and parents discuss these questions, the real answers might have to wait until the next generation grows up.

— Arlyn Tobias Gajilan

Alternative Conceptions. Mon/13 at 10 pm on the *Viewpoints* series, KQED-TV, Channel 9.