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Around the State **Let's Talk Month 2008 Calendar**

October 6, 2008

Did You See That? ...

Educators Dealing Effectively with Sexualized Behavior in Schools

A staff development opportunity for teachers with Deborah Roffman for teachers and staff E-12

4:15–5:15 p.m.

Hopkins Center for the Arts

1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins

Free of charge

As advertisers and merchandisers increasingly target teens, preteens, and even elementary-age children with highly sexualized messages, our students often exhibit behavior, language and dress in schools that present unique challenges to us as educators. Using a variety of scenarios, learn from a master teacher how to confidently turn these uncomfortable moments into important teachable moments. Deborah Roffman has “seen it all” over her 35-year career as a school-based sexuality educator. **Free of charge. Free CEUs.** For more details, see the [flyer](#).

Co-Sponsored by the West Metro Parent Education Collaborative and MOAPPP

October 6, 2008

Right from the Start: Parents as Sexuality Educators

An Evening Event with Deborah Roffman, Author and Family Life Educator

For parents (and caring adults) with children from preschool to grade 12

7:00–8:30 p.m.

Hopkins Center for the Arts

1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins

Fee: \$10/person; \$15/household

Even in today's media-saturated world, research demonstrates that parents and caregivers are the most significant influence in the lives of young people and are their most effective buffer against risk-taking behaviors. Deborah Roffman, nationally known author and family life educator, will explore effective strategies for parents and caregivers as primary sexuality educators of their children from birth to the teen years. Free CEUs are available. [Register online](#) or call 952-401-6812.

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October 7, 2008

Right from the Start: Parents as Sexuality Educators

A Day for Professionals with Deborah Roffman

9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Hopkins Center for the Arts

1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins

Fee: \$50 MOAPPP Member/ \$85 Non-Member

Deborah Roffman is a powerful advocate for children, understanding that in a society that gives confusing and exploitative messages about sexuality, children are desperate for communication with the caring adults in their lives. Parents and caregivers are the most significant influence in the lives of young people and are their most effective buffer against risk-taking behaviors. Ms. Roffman will share her insights, humor and practical applications based on decades of experience working in the classroom and with parents and professionals.



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For more information, see the event [flyer and registration form](#). Questions? Contact Jocelyn Broyles at 651-644-1447 x19, jocelyn@moappp.org.

Co-sponsored by Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department, Public Health Promotion; Planned Parenthood MN, ND, SD; and MOAPPP.

October 4, 2008

Growing Up-Mothers and Daughters Connecting

For mother-daughter (ages 9-12) teams

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Deephaven Education Center, Rooms 208 and 209

4584 Vine Hill Rd, Excelsior

Cost: \$24/team. Limit: 10 teams.

Growing up female has its joys and challenges! Join us for a popular class that includes a morning of activities and discussions about healthy sexuality. Topics include identifying and naming body parts of both boys and girls, learning about puberty, and sharing stories about growing up. Snacks provided. Presented by West Suburban Teen Clinic staff.

Register at www.minnetonkacommunityed.org - Course # 1-589-455-2.

October 7, 2008

Let's Talk Sooner Rather Than Later

For parents of preteens and teens

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Minnetonka Middle School West , Media Center

6421 Hazeltine Boulevard, Excelsior

No Fee

Meet in small groups with other parents to work on putting into words developmentally appropriate messages and accurate information to pass along to your preteen/teen on the topic of human sexuality. Facilitated by Molly Snuggerud, West Suburban Teen Clinic No fee. No registration. Free CEUs. Sponsored by MMW PTA.

October 13, 2008

Parents Connecting Series:

Grades K-2: 9:30-10:30 a.m., **Grades 3-5:** 1:15-2:15 p.m.

Minnetonka District Service Center - lunchroom

5621 County Road 101

Minnetonka, MN 55345

No Fee

Parents Connecting Series: Following a brief presentation by a parent educator, parents will have an opportunity to share ideas and experiences, discuss concerns, and support one another. These classes have been developed in response to requests from parents wanting an "ECFE-like" class now that they have elementary-age children. All 6 elementary school PTA/Os are collaborating on this trial series.

Parents Connecting Series #1: Let's Talk Sooner Rather Than Later - facilitated Molly Snuggerud, West Suburban Teen Clinic

Meet in small groups with other parents to work on putting into words developmentally appropriate messages and accurate information to pass along to your children on the topic of human sexuality. No fee. No registration. Free CEUs. Sponsored by the Minnetonka elementary PTA/Os.



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October 23, 2008

"How Are Our Children?" – Community Presentation

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mankato East Senior High School – Auditorium

2600 Hoffman Rd, Mankato

Free of Charge

An opportunity for community members to learn more about the health and well-being of Mankato area youth areas of particular concern, and insights for action. [Click here for more detail](#) or contact C.H.A.P. 507-385-4618 for more information

October 25, 2008

Growing Up-Mothers and Daughters Connecting

For mother-daughter (ages 9-12) teams

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Edina Community Center

5701 Normandale Road, Edina

Growing up female has its joys and challenges! Join us for a popular class that includes a morning of activities and discussions about healthy sexuality. Topics include identifying and naming body parts of both boys and girls, learning about puberty, and sharing stories about growing up. Snacks provided. Presented by West Suburban Teen Clinic staff.

To register call (952) 848-3949 or go to www.edina.k12.mn.us/community/familycenter

October 25, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

4th Annual Teen Relationship Summit

Breaking the Silence: The Real Deal

585 Fuller Avenue, St. Paul

Free Event

UJIMA Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Healthy Youth Development Program, is hosting its 4th Annual Teen Relationship Summit. UJIMA's primary audience is African American youth, ages 11-18, and its mission is to address teen pregnancy prevention and to foster healthy youth development.

In support of October as Let's Talk Month, the theme for this 2008 Summit is ***Breaking the Silence: The Real Deal***. Youth in grades 7- 12 and adults will participate in a day of honest dialogue focusing on developing healthier relationships with particular emphasis on sexually transmitted diseases and infections (STDs and STIs) including HIV/AIDS.

This Summit is a collaborative effort among UJIMA Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Healthy Youth Development Program, sponsored by the Camphor Foundation, funded by the Minnesota Department of Health, Office of Minority and Multicultural Health, along with the local chapter of the Keeping It Real! Program sponsored by the National Black Church Initiative of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Citadel of Hope Worship Center and Center for Hope and Compassion.

[Click here for more details](#) and if you would like more information, call Juliet Mitchell at 651-224-0341; Ujima@camphorfoundation.org.

Contact Jocelyn@moapp.org and let us know what your organization will be doing and we will post it here.



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