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### Parents – Be A Part Of “Let’s Talk Month”

Moline, Illinois – As an educator, who has worked with pre-teens and teens in the field of teen pregnancy prevention for 25 years, I know how important it is that parents are actively involved in their children’s lives. When it comes to preventing teen pregnancy, a majority of teens agree that it would be easier for them to postpone sexual activity and avoid teen pregnancy if they were able to have more open and honest conversations about these topics with their parents.

October is “Let’s Talk Month”, a national campaign that supports parents talking with their children about sexual health and relationships. I hope that families across the Quad-Cities will have honest conversations about facts, feelings, and questions related to developing healthy relationships and promoting responsible sexual decision-making. It is important for parents to let their child know what the family values are as they relate to early sexual activity and its consequences as well as being certain to maintain an ongoing dialogue about these issues, not just providing “The Talk”. Don’t be afraid as a parent to say that you are embarrassed or feel uncomfortable; your child probably is too! Let this be an opportunity for you to combine love, guidance, and accurate information as you help your child move forward on his/her journey to adulthood.

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