The City of Milwaukee Health Department Presents the Plain Talk Calendar of Activities for October

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NATIONAL "LET'S TALK" MONTH

Milwaukee PlainTalk

The Plain Talk Milwaukee Initiative is a collaboration of the City of Milwaukee Health Department and New Concept Self Development Center, Inc., with support from the Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, United Way of Greater Milwaukee, the Faye McBeath Foundation, the State of Wisconsin DHFS, and Milwaukee Public Schools.

Let's Talk Month is a national public education campaign celebrated in October. It was started and promoted by Advocates for Youth. This month the Plain Talk Milwaukee Initiative reminds the citizens of Milwaukee that:

- Parents are the best sexuality educators for their children.
- Parents want to be good sex educators, but may not always understand how to do the job well.
- Children want sex education from their parents or legal guardians.
- You can be an "Askable" parent, a caring parent, and a wise counselor.

Each year **Let's Talk Month** emphasizes the importance of conversations about sex between young people and the adults they trust. Working together, parents and other adults in the community can provide the information and skills to prepare young people to become healthy adults…and the parents of tomorrow's children. Join the Plain Talk team on **October 30th for the 2nd Annual Let's Talk Month Parent/Teen Dinner** for a robust panel discussion and resources for your family (see description below).

For additional information and resources, visit the Advocates for Youth website: http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/new/events/letstalk.htm or call the Plain Talk Milwaukee Initiative at 414-286-8478.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1 – 30
Washington Park Library (414) 286-3066
2121 N. Sherman Blvd., 53208
Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 8:30 pm
Friday & Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Parents of Tweens and Teens: Don't be Intimidated about having "The Talk." Beginning October 1st, the Washington Park Library will have a display of topical books along with Askabale Adult brochures and the booklist for parents and youth, created by the librarian.

October 9
Your dinner table

The Milwaukee Teen Pregnancy Prevention Network and Mayor Tom Barrett have designated the **2nd Thursday in October as F.U.N. Night** (Family Unity Night) for families around the city of Milwaukee to begin re-connecting, re-uniting, and re-establishing family ties. Gather your famil around the table at you home, favorite restaurant, local park or mom's house for dinner. For more information, contact Racquel Bell (414) 861-4495, Norma Madison (414) 374-5850 ext. 131, Anthony McHenry (414) 463-7950, or Adebisi Agoro (414) 286-3614.

October 10 – 12
Destiny Youth Plaza & Christian Faith Fellowship

Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative Summit 2008: Beyond the 2700; Building Fathers of Worth and Greatness
The purpose of this annual event is to bring men together to discuss the issue of fatherlessness, identify solutions and resources, promote positive images of the father role, and gather data to help address the many obstacles that prevent men from being involved, responsible, and committed fathers. The Plain Talk Milwaukee Initiative will be at the summit signing up interested adults to host and attend Plain Talk Askable Adult Parties. For more information and to register, visit the Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative website:
http://www.milwaukeefatherhood.com/aaaa.html

October 25, 9:00 am – Noon
Vincent Family Resource Center 2610 N. MLK Drive

The Milwaukee Fatherhood Collaborative **"Breakfast with Dad"** co-sponsored by the Plain Talk Milwaukee Initiative and the Father's Resource Center of New Concept Self Development Center, Inc. The breakfast will be held at the Vincent Family Resource Center. The mission of the Milwaukee Fatherhood Collaborative is to provide fathers and their children with information and activities that promote positive parenting, ongoing support and encouragement, and family preservation.

October 30, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center

Plain Talk Milwaukee's **2nd Annual "Let's Talk Month" Family Dinner Night.** Please join us and feel encouraged to bring your children with you to this special dinner. Come and hear from our expert panel of fathers, who will share their experiences about ways to communicate with your child about sexuality. Childcare will be provided for children under 11. Please call (414) 286-8478 to RSVP and arrange childcare and a meal for children under 11 years of age. **All children and youth must be accompanied by an adult.** This very special event is free to the public.