



The City of Milwaukee Health Department Presents:

Plain Talk Milwaukee Initiative Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month Activities

Parents, Teens and Young Adults - Don't Be Intimidated About Having "The Talk."

- ★ **Beginning May 5, 2008** the Washington Park Library will have a display of topical books along with Askable Adult brochures and the booklist for parents and youth, created by librarian Anna Walls.

Also at the Washington Park Library, teens with a valid library card can join teens nationwide who will be asked to visit the new teen website - StayTeen.org - to take a short, scenario-based "quiz" that asks young people what they would do in a number of risky sexual situations as part of the National Action Day - National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day (Organized by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy). The purpose of the National Day is to focus the attention of teens on the importance of avoiding too-early pregnancy and parenthood.

- ★ **On May 6th and 13th**, the Plain Talk Milwaukee Initiative will provide a special "Askable Adult Training" for Safe and Sound Coordinators, outreach staff and volunteers. Safe & Sound is a national model of collaboration and crime reduction. Safe & Sound targets the resources of Safe Places, Community Partners and law enforcement. Safe & Sound is a partnership of youth-serving organizations, the Milwaukee Public Schools, churches, business leaders, law enforcement and government. Safe & Sound has very effectively focused that partnership on 21 high-crime, low-income Milwaukee neighborhoods to reduce crime and develop our youth.
- ★ **On Tuesday May 13th**, the Plain Talk Milwaukee Initiative will engage youth in an intergenerational media project with youth and adults in their community, interviewing elders on how they had first conversations with their parents/guardians about sex and puberty. This project of the Plain Talk Youth Ambassadors will become part of a global youth exchange. **Also, Tuesday May 13th**, the Milwaukee Team will "Walk & Talk" to find 500 "Askable Adults."

- ★ **On Wednesday, May 14th** the Plain Talk Milwaukee Initiative and the New Concept Self Development Center Father's Resource Center will host a Parent & Teen Dinner to mark the one year anniversary of the site's Plain Talk Parties to train "Askable Adults." The City of Milwaukee Health Department will recognize alumni of the Askable Adult trainings. The food will be prepared by local celebrity cook, Albert Holmes. Mr. Holmes will serve up Fried Turkey and Dressing (not stuffing!) while the Plain Talk Team serves a fun filled program.

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