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**LOCAL GROUPS JOIN DC CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT TEEN PREGNANCY IN TRAINING
PARENT PEER EDUCATORS**

Starting in June, DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy will kick off an effort to help District parents discuss sexuality with their children in a comfortable and honest way.

10 teams of parent peer educators drawn from community groups such as Redemption Ministries, Greater Washington Urban League, Eliot Junior High School, Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative, and YWCA will learn how to lead workshops for other District parents on *How to Talk to Your Child About Sex, Love and Relationships*.

According to the public opinion research *Common Sense*, recently released by DC Campaign, 95% of District residents surveyed support the creation of programs to teach parents how to talk to their own children about sexual issues. "The research clearly supports helping parents initiate discussions with their children rather than waiting for their children to broach the subject," said Brenda Rhodes Miller who directs DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. "In fact, the majority of adults and teens say these conversations need to start young."

Saturday will mark the first in a series of trainings for parent volunteers eager to become peer educators. The training will provide participants with the skills to teach other parents how to talk to their children effectively about sex and sexuality.

For more information, please contact DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy at 202-789-4666 or info@teenpregnancydc.org.

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