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***DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and Catholic Charities Parenting Program
Partner with Local Community Organizations to Convene a
Strength-Based Approach to Parenting Roundtable***

WASHINGTON, DC (November 21, 2000) Recognizing the importance of supporting parents in their efforts to bring up healthy, self-sufficient children, twelve organizations are convening local family serving professionals, foundation leaders, key policy makers, media representatives, and religious leaders to examine the challenges parents face and ways that service providers can utilize a ***Strength-Based Approach*** with parents.

DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, Catholic Charities Parenting Program, Center for Youth Development and Policy Research/AED, Girls and Boys Town USA, DC Action for Children, Girls, Inc., Living on Purpose, Hospital for Sick Children, National Organization of Concerned Black Men, Prevent Child Abuse of Metropolitan Washington, Washington Parent Education Collaborative, and WETA Ready to Learn bring local experts and parents together in a roundtable discussion on how best to promote a ***Strength Based Approach to Parenting***.

Brenda Rhodes Miller, Director of DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, highlights the importance of this critical meeting. "The connection between parents and teens is essential to preventing teen pregnancy. Professionals who work with parents can serve as catalysts in helping parents reach out to their teens and create that connection."

The ***Strength Based Approaches to Parenting*** roundtable discussion will be held from **9 AM - 1 PM ET** at the Academy for Educational Development, Academy Hall 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW, in Washington, DC.

Colbert King of *The Washington Post* will serve as keynote speaker and **George Garrow** of the **National Organization of Concerned Black Men** will be the moderator for the event.

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Note to Editors and Producers: For more information, to set up an interview, or to attend the event, please contact Jennifer Bissell at (202) 789-4666.