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**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition offers 3rd workshop for parents and guardians**

**LAS VEGAS** - The Southern Nevada Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition is hosting its third free workshop for parents and guardians interested in developing skills to effectively talk to their pre-teen and teen children about sexual relationships, preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. For more information, or to sign up for a workshop call (702) 759-0831. Space is limited.

The next workshop is 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 26 at Nevada Partners, 710 W. Lake Mead Blvd., North Las Vegas, 89030. More workshops are planned to serve parents and guardians in communities where teens may be at higher risk for unplanned pregnancy.

Nevada ranks number four in the nation for teenage pregnancies and 13<sup>th</sup> for teenage births. In order to better address this issue the Southern Nevada Health District Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program staff collaborated with local community organizations to form the Southern Nevada Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition to work together to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Southern Nevada youth through education, training, advocacy and increased access to services.

“According to recent estimates teen childbearing in Nevada cost taxpayers at least \$84.3 million. This includes the costs of public health care, child welfare, increased incarceration costs and loss of tax revenue. If we are going to effectively reduce this burden on our community we knew we needed to engage the community and introduce innovative programs and new approaches to address our high rates of teen pregnancy,” said Bonnie Sorenson, director of clinics and nursing for the health district.

The health district received funding from the Office of Adolescent Health to develop a sustainable community coalition to reinforce positive messages about abstinence, safer sex and available sexual health services for Clark County’s diverse teen population. Parent Workshops will be offered in both English and Spanish.

Updated information about the Southern Nevada Health District can be found on Facebook [www.facebook.com/SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict](http://www.facebook.com/SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict), on YouTube [www.youtube.com/SNHealthDistrict](http://www.youtube.com/SNHealthDistrict) or Twitter: [www.twitter.com/SNHDinfo](http://www.twitter.com/SNHDinfo). The health district is now available in Spanish on Twitter [www.twitter.com/TuSNHD](http://www.twitter.com/TuSNHD). Don’t have a Twitter account? Follow the health district on your phone by texting “follow SNHDinfo” to 40404.