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**SCPHD Offering “Tell It to Me Straight” Dinner for Parents**

BURLEY-South Central Public Health District, in conjunction with the Idaho Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program, is pleased to announce that a “Tell It to Me Straight” dinner will be conducted in Burley at the Burley Inn & Convention Center. The goal of this dinner is to help parents learn how to talk to their kids about sex. The take home message is that communication is the key, and it is up to parents to start the dialogue. “Tell It to Me Straight” dinners were started by a group of South Dakota teenagers who call themselves Straight Forward. These teens wanted to make a difference among their peers by addressing the most pressing and least addressed safety topic for youth in the community: early and unprotected sex.

Parents of middle-school and high school youth and others in the community are invited to attend this **free** dinner. With the guidance of a trained facilitator, local youth will present a slideshow, pertinent video excerpts, and role-plays that model honest dialogue between teens and parents. Each of these activities helps to enable parents to then go home and begin or continue meaningful communication with their own teens about sex.

The “Tell It to Me Straight” dinner will take place on **Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.** at The Burley Inn & Convention Center located at 800 N. Overland Ave. Those wishing to attend must RSVP by **Friday, April 12**. Space is limited. Please reserve your seat by calling 678-8221. For more information, please visit [www.phd5.idaho.gov](http://www.phd5.idaho.gov) or [www.donttellmyparents.org](http://www.donttellmyparents.org).

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