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SCPHD Offering “Bridging the Gap” Dinner for Parents and Youth

BURLEY-South Central Public Health District, in conjunction with the Idaho Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program, is pleased to announce that a dinner and discussion titled: **“Bridging the Gap: A Guide for Healthy Family Communication”** will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Burley Inn & Convention Center located at 800 N. Overland Ave. in Burley.

Parents of middle-school and high school youth and others in the community are invited to attend this **free** dinner. The goal of this event is to help parents learn how to talk to their teens about sex. The take home message is that communication is the key, and it is up to parents to start the dialogue. Those wishing to attend must RSVP by **Friday, April 4**. Space is limited. For more information and to reserve your seat please call Adria Masoner at 208-678-8221.

“Bridging the Gap” involves local teens who want 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. With the guidance of a trained facilitator, local youth will present a slideshow, pertinent video excerpts, and role-playing that models 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.

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