

RADIO ROUNDUP

a collection of features, oddities,
and helpful tips



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PARENTS MAY BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THEIR TEENS ACTUALLY WANT TO DISCUSS UNCOMFORTABLE TOPICS, LIKE SEX, WITH THEM—AND THAT TALKING ABOUT THESE TOPICS COULD HELP PROTECT THE HEALTH OF THEIR CHILD. ACCORDING TO THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MORE TEENS SAY THEIR PARENTS HAVE THE MOST INFLUENCE ON THEIR DECISIONS THAN SAY THEIR PEERS DO, AND THAT THEY WANT MORE, NOT FEWER TALKS ABOUT ISSUES LIKE SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS. DOCTOR ALMA GOLDEN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SAYS THAT NINETY PERCENT OF TEENS THINK IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR THEM TO WAIT TO HAVE SEX IF THEIR PARENTS TALKED TO THEM ABOUT SEX MORE FREQUENTLY. TO HELP, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED A WEB SITE CALLED FOUR-PARENTS--DOT--GOV. THE SITE OFFERS TIPS ON DISCUSSING ISSUES SUCH AS ABSTINENCE, PREGNANCY, S-T-Ds AND TOBACCO USE, AS WELL AS GENERAL PARENTING TIPS. IT ALSO OFFERS A GUIDE FOR PARENTS CALLED "PARENTS, SPEAK UP!" AND A GUIDE FOR TEENS CALLED "TEEN CHAT." FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE (NUMERAL) FOUR-PARENTS--DOT--GOV. A MESSAGE FROM THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.