

## **Walsh and Wicker Kick Off Let's Talk Month in S.C.**

Hartsville, S.C., October 13, 2014-- Dr. Dave Walsh, from Mind Positive Parenting, and Kimberley Wicker, Communications Manager for South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, wasted very little time to began Let's Talk Month which provides the opportunity for parents and professionals to gain knowledge on the proper approaches for talking to the youth about love, sex and relationships.

Every October is Let's Talk Month. This national public education campaign is coordinated by Advocates for Youth and gives the chance for different schools, youth centered agencies and other organizations to hold informal meetings where they provide tips on various ways to approach this touchy topic. The campaign provides an open door for parents and their children to extend all lines of communication to appropriately converse about topics that tend to be acquired of in teenage years.

Walsh was the speaker at the Let's Talk Luncheon, hosted by South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, in Columbia, S.C. at the Brookland Banquet and Conference Room. He is an authority on children, teens, and family life and addressed best practices in parent-child communication and youth development.

“When I first started working for the campaign, I was 22 and I knew I still had some developing to do. I knew he would be the perfect speaker for the luncheon.” said Wicker.

In Walsh's book titled, *Why Do They Act That Way*, he talks more in-depth about some of the topics he covered at the Luncheon. He helps readers understand the adolescent mind and the factors that cause certain behaviors and explains what a parent or teacher can do about it.

Wicker was the speaker at the Let's Talk Parent Meeting in Hartsville, S.C. at the Butler Heritage Foundation. In her presentation, she discussed similar issues that Walsh covered in his speech but on a more personal level.

Wicker put an emphasis on how important it was to keep parents and children informed on the health risks that could come from having unprotected sex and the methods that should be used to prevent disease. “We have to be clear, open and honest with children to prevent mistakes from happening. We are going to have to make sure medically accurate information is being provided” stated Wicker.

Wicker related to the audience with her personal stories of how she was addressed as a parent and as a trusted adult of younger family members, about sex and relationships and explained the proper ways of reacting to their curiosity. The audience was very receptive to her antidotes which led to more questions and answers.

South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy also works closely with the Not Right Now Campaign which has additional information on sex, relationships, and pregnancy prevention. To

see further, visit their website at <http://www.notrightnowsc.org/>. For more information about Let's Talk Month or South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, visit <http://www.teenpregnancysc.org/>.