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> National Adolescent Health Expert and Author to Speak About Sexuality and Teen Pregnancy During October Let's Talk Month

St. Paul—On Friday, October 25, 2002, nationally recognized adolescent health expert and author, **Deborah M. Roffman**, will address health care professionals, educators, practitioners and youth development specialists at Open Book in Minneapolis. The keynote event is part of the month long **Let's Talk Month** and is being sponsored by the Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP) and the Minnesota AIDS Project.

WHAT: Sex and Sensibility: The Thinking Guide to Talking Sense About Sex

a keynote speech by Deborah M. Roffman will discuss five core areas that teen questions fall under, encompassing cultural values, ethics and the

practical facts of comprehensive health care.

WHERE: Open Book

1011 Washington Avenue South,

Minneapolis 55415 612-215-2583

WHEN: Friday, October 25, 2002

9:00 a.m. to Noon

WHO: Deborah M. Roffman, a nationally certified Sexuality and Family Life

Educator, is the associate editor for education of the *Journal of Sex Education* and *Therapy* and has written dozens of articles and commentaries for health and education journals and major newspapers. Her work in the classroom and with parents has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Boston Globe*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Education Week*, *Teacher Magazine*, *USA Today*, *Parents Magazine*, an HBO Special on parenting, and on NPR. She has also appeared on "Nightline" with Ted Koppel and "The Early Show" with Bryant Gumbel. Deborah lives in Baltimore, Maryland, where she teaches human sexuality education (grades 4-12) at The

Park School of Baltimore and several other independent schools in the

Baltimore/Washington, DC area.