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## Planting Seeds Coalition Shines Spotlight on Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

*SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 16, 2024* — In observance of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, the Planting Seeds Coalition, an alliance comprising South Valley Services, YWCA, Rape Recovery Center, Planned Parenthood, and Comunidades Unidas, is taking proactive steps to foster awareness and support within the community.

To address the critical issue of teen dating violence, the coalition is delighted to announce the organization of a workshop titled "Opening the Door: Talking to Your Teens About Dating." This FREE event is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Sorenson Unity Center in Salt Lake County.

"Opening the Door" aims to provide invaluable resources and tips for parents navigating conversations about dating with their teenagers. The workshop will be an informative space for fostering open dialogue and promoting healthy relationships among teens. Both English and Spanish translators will be available at the event, ensuring accessibility for a diverse audience.

# **Key Workshop Details:**

- Event: Opening the Door: Talking to Your Teens About Dating
- Date: Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024
- *Time:* 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Location: Sorenson Unity Center, Salt Lake County
- *Admission:* Free of charge

#### **Facts About Teen Dating Violence:**

- 1 in 3 teens in Utah will experience harm from someone they are dating.
- More than 1 in four Utah teens, grades 9-12th, were harmed by their dating partner.
- 1 out of every 11 teens have been forced by their dating partner to do sexual things they did not want to do.
- Teen dating violence can occur in person, online, and/or through technology.

The Planting Seeds Coalition encourages parents, educators, and community members to join this event to raise awareness about teen dating violence. By coming together and fostering open conversations, we can work towards creating a safer and healthier environment for our teenagers.

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About Planting Seed Coalition:

The Planting Seed Coalition is a collaboration of organizations committed to addressing youth violence prevention in Salt Lake County. By uniting resources and expertise, the coalition aims to cultivate a safer community for the next generation.

