

SAVE THE DATE!!

How many problems could our teens avoid, or at least minimize, if they sought adult help in time?

What troubles are many teens headed for that don't show up on our radar screen until it's too late?

Come to the Keeping Teens Safe So They Can Be Successful Symposium, Wednesday, November 18, at Magruder High School (room TBA) to learn how to empower your teen if they are in harm's way, or know someone who is but are reluctant to tell an adult.

Information tables with agencies that help parents with teenagers from 6:30 to 7 PM; presentations begin at 7 PM.

An assistant state's attorney will discuss legal problems and a medical expert will discuss mental and physical problems our teens most frequently encounter. The Director of Prevention, Education and Training from the Family Support Center will explain how to keep communication open with your teen and how to respond when your teen confides about a problem.

Bring a friend, and bring your questions!

This symposium is sponsored by the Every 15 Minutes Committee of the Magruder High School PTSA. Every 15 Minutes will return in 2011. Our off-year focus is empowering teens to seek adult help when they or a friend is in harm's way, despite concerns of "betraying" a friend, being the "snitch" or overcoming fear of retaliation. If you want to be part of this effort or want more information, contact Patty Winters at patty.winters@verizon.net or 240-421-7166.