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Parents and other adults in the community are urged to attend a dinner banquet and program to gain education on the reality that kids are having sexual encounters way younger than they think.

"Sex Still Has A Price Tag" is being presented on Monday, Sept. 20, at the Keith County Fairgrounds.

Parents are invited to a free-will donation dinner catered by Ole's Steak House at 6 p.m., and a talk by Pam Stenzel, international speaker on physical, emotional and health issues resulting from premature sex among adolescents.

Sponsoring the event is the Ogallala Women's Resource Center which serves as a crisis pregnancy center in a supportive, helpful way as a faith-based organization.

Parents will be educated on how to talk to their kids, especially parents who themselves experimented with sex at a young age who don't quite know how to broach the subject to perhaps prevent their child from making the same mistake.

The next day, on Sept. 21, the speaker will address students from area schools during an assembly.

An important message to students by Stenzel will target age groups who need to be impacted by the reality of the many sexually transmitted diseases, some of which are lifelong and potentially fatal, not to mention pregnancy and other emotional issues that arise from being sexually active at a young age.

Reservations for the adult informational evening on Sept. 20 may be made by calling Barb Krajewski, executive director of Ogallala Women's Resource Center at 308-284-3700 by Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Questions about the center or for further information about the scheduled event may be directed to Barb Meismer at 308-726-2006 or 726-5671.

About the Speaker

Pam Stenzel, founder of Enlighten Communications, Inc., tackles today's tough issues of sex with candor, insight, humor, and the challenge for young people to get the abstinence advantage.

Stenzel has traveled worldwide, speaking in person to over 500,000 young people each year about issues of sexuality and the importance of abstinence. Her videos are viewed by millions worldwide.

Stenzel holds seminars with parents and educators regarding issues of teen sex and how vital character building is in a child's upbringing.