

D-E Parents' Association (PA) Parent Ed. Committee proudly presents

Deborah Roffman,

Sexuality Educator & Critically-Acclaimed Author, *Talk To Me First*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

Join Us for These 2 Opportunities for all D-E Parents/Guardians

***"No, It's Not Too Early: Nurturing Healthy Sexual and Gender Development Begins at Birth"**

Morning Presentation: 8:00 - 9:30 AM, Hulst House (Leggett Hall)

Learn the five essential needs of children as they grow and develop, and five corresponding roles for adults in their lives.

For Lower School Parents and Guardians.

***"Never Too Late: How to Raise Sexually Healthy Middle and High School Kids"**

Evening Presentation: 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Location TBD

Contrary to what many middle school and high school parents may believe, early to mid adolescents need--and want--input and guidance from the immediate adults in their lives about sexuality.

For Middle/Upper School Parents and Guardians.

To RSVP and learn more about Debbie Roffman, visit pa.d-e.org.

For helpful articles and other resources, visit Talk2MeFirst.com.

Questions? Email pa@d-e.org



About Debbie Roffman

Debbie Roffman is in constant demand as a presenter and workshop leader across the United States and has provided training and consultation for hundreds of public and private schools and youth serving organizations. Her earlier books have become "must reads" and even required reading for parents and faculties at many schools. Parents find her books and articles life altering and describe her influence on their family life profound. Ms. Roffman's cutting edge commentaries in the *Washington Post* (focused primarily on parenting issues) are hugely popular, one of them holding the all time record

for the most online hits of any single opinion piece published in the paper's Sunday *Outlook* section. Reporters regularly seek out her counsel and expertise, and her work has been featured in most of the nation's major newspapers, including the *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and *Washington Times*. Recently she was quoted, and her books cited, in both the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* on the same day. (In a somewhat more dubious honor, hers was the "quote of the day" in the *New York Times* on 9/11.) In 2005, she served as the lead expert in a *US News* and *World Report* cover story on teen sexuality, and she frequently lends her expertise to articles in major parenting magazines.

Especially since the publication of *Sex and Sensibility* Ms. Roffman has enjoyed stellar relationships with other media. She has been interviewed on *Nightline* by Ted Koppel, by Bryant Gumbel and other interviewers on the **CBS Early Show**, and has also appeared on **the O'Reilly Factor**. In 2003, she was the featured expert--and helped shape--a highly acclaimed segment on teen sexuality with John Stossel for **20/20**. Her radio credits include multiple appearances on the **Diane Rehm Show** and **Talk of the Nation**, and she also appears (it runs several times a year) in the

acclaimed HBO documentary for parents entitled, "Middle School Confessions." She has provided background for a variety of stories on **ABC News**, and for **60 Minutes**.

Among her professional peers, Ms. Roffman is viewed as an articulate and powerful advocate for children and a revered and singularly effective spokeswoman for her field. In 2003, former Surgeon General David Satcher appointed her (the only educator on the panel) to serve on the National Advisory Council for Sexual Health (Center for Primary Care, Morehouse College of Medicine). She presented a keynote address, as she does at many national and regional health and education conferences, at the NAC's national symposium in Washington, DC in 2004 on changing the national dialogue around sexuality and sexuality education. She contributes regularly to professional journals, serves as an editor for the *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, and is the former Associate Editor for Education of the *Journal of Sexuality Education and Therapy*.

What is perhaps most remarkable about Ms. Roffman's work is her ability to speak the language of common ground around topics often fraught with controversy and conflict. With uncommon good sense and unshakable commitment to core, universal values, hers is the voice that most often cuts through the rhetoric, the politics, and the false polarities that keep adults focused on their needs and interests, rather than squarely on children. She also understands that *the issue at stake is parenting, not politics*. The proof lies in her wide appeal to parents of all political stripes, religions, and backgrounds, and the national recognition she has received from such seemingly diverse groups as the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (the coveted Mary Lee Tatum Apple Award) and the National Federation of Republican Women (Favorite Teacher Award).

Deborah and her husband, David, were high school sweethearts and have been married for 40 years. They live in Baltimore, Maryland, and have two grown sons.

RSVP at pa.d-e.org

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