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## HOW TO HELP SCHOOLS SUCCEED WITH EARLY ADOLESCENTS

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Early adolescence is a time of crucial physical, social, and academic transitions. Early adolescents are undergoing rapid physical growth, and they are shifting their social centers from their families to their peers. Many begin to disengage from previously close engagement with school. As early adolescent students deal with these changes, so must their schools.

Theories on adolescent development have evolved significantly in the last twenty years, and current research on adolescent development offer important insights for school specialists. Current theories can help school specialists design and implement programs to meet the developmental needs of their early adolescent student population, helping to keep those students engaged in the educational process while supporting healthy development.

Friday, February 6, 2009 12:30 – 2:30 PM Hill Top Preparatory School 737 South Ithan Avenue Rosemont, PA 19010 610-527-3230

Bring your lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. The program is free to all. For driving directions see www.hilltopprep.org/ or Mapquest.com.

By the end of session attendees will be able to:

- Understand recent research on adolescent development
- Recognize the unique changes in the early adolescent's relationship with parents, peers and school
- Identify ways to structure the classroom climate, academic load and interactions with early adolescent students to support their development

<u>PRESENTER</u> Dr. Stevens is a licensed psychologist with specialty certifications in school psychology and group psychotherapy. He has served as school psychologist at Germantown Friends School since 1988 and has a private psychotherapy practice.

<u>CREDITS</u> This program offers 2 hours of CE and Act 48 credits. The Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer Continuing Education (CE) for psychologists and social workers and maintains responsibility for the program and its content.

<u>FEES</u> The charge for CE credits is \$15.00. Act 48 credits are available for \$15.00. A check or money order for the appropriate amount should be made out to SOS. No cash. You must provide your Act 48 number.

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