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*****High Risk Adolescent
Seminar

DALLAS---A seminar on "The High Risk Adolescent" will be held for professionals at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas on September 27. Keynote speaker for the day-long workshop will be Dr. Richard G. MacKenzie, assistant professor of pediatrics and medicine at the University of Southern California School of Medicine in Los Angeles and director of the division of adolescent medicine at Children's Hospital in that city.

Special guest speaker for the meeting, to be held in room D1.600, will be Dr. Woody Kessel, chief of the Research and Training Branch of the Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Maternal and Child Health.

Sponsoring the meeting are the Department of Pediatrics at UTHSCD, the Young Adult Clinic at Parkland Memorial Hospital and the Task Force on Adolescent Health of the Dallas Community Council.

The keynote address, "Normal Adolescent Development and Why It Leads to Risk-Taking Behaviors," will be delivered at 8:45 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. there will be a presentation from the Task Force on Adolescent Health on "High Risk Behaviors in Dallas County".

Kessel will give the luncheon address on "National Directions in Adolescent Health Care." And there will be a panel discussion on "What Can Be Done in Dallas County to Address These High Risk Problems" from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

In addition, there will be workshop sessions for participants. These include:

"Sexually Transmitted Diseases," "Pregnancy," "Alcohol and Drug Abuse," "Suicides and Suicidal Behavior," "Mental Illness," and "Homicidal Behavior/Accidental Injury."

Introducing the program and welcoming participants will be Carolyn Taylor, founder of Impact 88, a community-based coalition to combat high-risk adolescent pregnancy and its consequences.

For further information, call (214) 688-3404.

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