

## **Strengthening Families Program 10-14**

When-April 29, May 6,13,20, June 3,10,17 Where-Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center Located on the University of Nebraska at Omaha Campus Time 5:30-8pm Cost-Free Please call 402-552-2221 for registration or email coalitionrx@gmail.com

## **Program Overview**

- Consists of 7 sessions over the course of 7 weeks each session lasting for about 3 hours
- Families start each session by sharing a meal together then facilitators will meet with youth and parents separately and then bring everyone together for family learning and bonding
- The program uses a variety of activities, videos, games, projects, food and fun to involve families so that everyone is comfortable and engaged

## **Topics Covered**

- Identifying and reducing stress
- Resisting peer pressure
- Learning how to set and follow a set of house rules
- Understanding each other better
- Improved communication skills
- Learn how to set goals individually and as a family
- Prevent substance abuse
- Learn how to use reward and consequence strategies effectively

## **Protective Factors Addressed**

- For Parents or Caregivers:
  - Positive parent-child effect
  - Supportive family involvement
  - Age-appropriate expectations
  - Appropriate parental monitoring
  - Clear expectations regarding substance abuse
- For Youth:
  - Positive future orientation
  - Peer pressure resistance skills
  - Prosocial peer relationships
  - Positive management of emotions
  - Empathy for Parents

