## Dr. Ruth Potee Presents "The Developing Brain and Addiction" Old Rochester Regional High School

Parents and students are strongly encouraged to come.

This event is free and open to all members of the community. Refreshments will be available.

## Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm At Old Rochester Regional High School, Mattapoisett



Dr. Ruth Potee is a nationally renowned family physician who specializes in addressing addiction.

Addiction expert Dr. Ruth Potee teaches that, just like diabetes, addiction is a disease, plain and simple, and should be treated as such. "Addiction is caused by broken dopamine receptors or other parts of the brain's internal pleasure center; the days of thinking of this as a moral weakness or a failing or bad parenting or bad genetics — we've got to move past that." Dr. Potee, one of the state's foremost experts in the physiology of addiction, will speak at ORRHS to spark a community dialogue on addiction and to help residents understand who is at risk, how to prevent, and how to treat addiction.

Dr. Potee is a practicing family practitioner and board-certified in addiction medicine. She is a graduate of Wellesley College with a bachelor's degree cum laude, with post graduate studies at Mount Holyoke College. She received her medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine in 1999. She currently practices at Valley Medical Group in Greenfield, Ma. and is affiliated with Boston Medical Center.

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