

Rights, respect, responsibility ® - Plenary or Keynote

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The USA has the highest teen pregnancy rate of all industrialized countries. Germany, France, and the Netherlands have significantly reduced their rates. What role did contraceptive education and access play in this outcome? What other factors influenced the successful use of contraception such as public media campaigns, school sexuality education and parental support? This plenary will answer this question based on 4 annual study tours to these countries by USA medical, educational, and pregnancy and STD/HIV prevention program providers. A 14-minute video comparing the positive and healthy approach of Germany, France and the Netherlands to the fear, shame, "ignorance is okay" focus in the USA. A new 10-year campaign, Rights, Respect, Responsibility® developed by Advocates for Youth based on the "lessons learned" from the study tours will be shared.