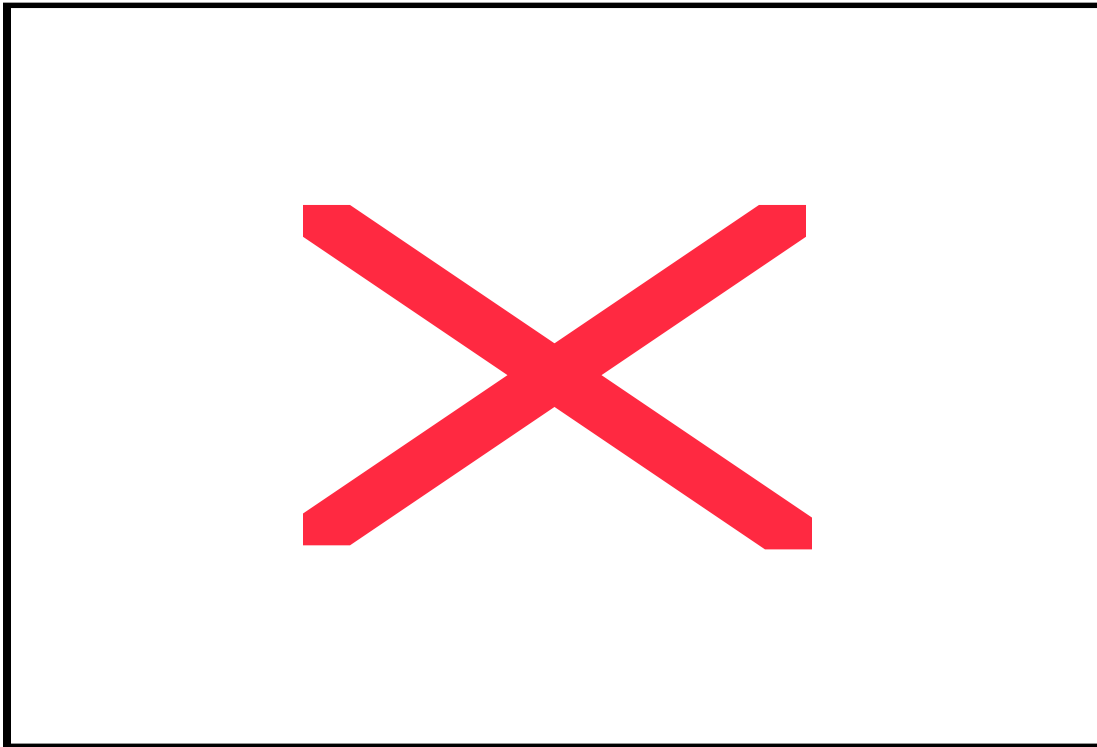


# Teen Pregnancy – We Can Do Better



Despite recent improvements in the 1990's, teen pregnancy rates in Washington and the United States remain among the highest in the industrialized world. The rates for teen births, abortions, and sexually transmitted infections are also dramatically higher in Washington and the U.S.<sup>1</sup>

## **We can do better.**

To address these serious public health issues, Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood – in coalition with state and local organizations, clergy, parents, and youth – has launched an initiative called **The New 3Rs: Rights, Respect, Responsibility®**.

The New 3Rs is dedicated **to helping youth develop healthy sexual attitudes and behaviors**. This is accomplished by working directly with youth while also helping adults be supportive, available, and prepared to communicate with the young people in their lives.

Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood believes The New 3Rs will reach more Washingtonians with its positive, forward-thinking message and will make significant strides toward its long-term vision.

<sup>1</sup>The graphs reflect the most current data available for each country. Sources: Washington Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, Family Planning Perspectives 2000, Center for Disease Control,, Rademakers, J. Abortus in Nederland 1993-2000. StiSan, Heemstede 2002.