

# **ASH From Our Perspective: Adolescents Speak Out About Sex**



**TEDx Talks**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnBhUZWO4k>

# RIHSC YOUTH FOCUS GROUPS

- RIHSC conducted in 2018 with 3 youth groups
- Opportunity to listen to teens
- They feel schools are not meeting the needs of adolescents regarding sexual and reproductive health, in education or in access to services
- They are relying on the internet and each other for information, with mixed results



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- Students overwhelmingly feel they are not being given enough information
- Students requested LGBTQ information
- Many students do not feel comfortable talking to parents
- Students want to learn about these topics and feel they are an important part of having a healthy life
- Students will fill in their own education, for better or worse; sometimes with reliable sources, sometimes not
- Students are having sex regardless of abstinence first education or no education
- Information needs to be relatable – Peer Educators?
  - List some???