



## Kelly Marquet – Speaking, Panels, Interviews

**Helping young women leave a positive legacy through their choices in life.**

**Kelly Marquet engages both teens and parents to find common ground on the serious issues young women face today:** self-esteem, loneliness, communication break-downs, experimenting with drugs, and even unplanned pregnancy.

**She is sought out by meeting planners across North America** for her ability to help audiences embrace even the most difficult topics, thanks to her engaging style that combines personal experiences with wit, charm and compassion.

**Kelly's goal is to empower young women** to leave a positive legacy through their choices in life.

**To this end, Kelly launched Legacy 4 Kids,** a confidential service to help teens and parents understand their options when facing an unplanned pregnancy, by opening the lines of communication. Her vision: A world in which **every child born is wanted** - and raised in a family that is willing to help them lead a productive and meaningful life.

**Kelly's desire for each newborn to be wanted runs deep:** 18 years younger than her closest sibling, she knows what it's like to come into the world as an afterthought. Yearning for attention, she soon faced her own teen pregnancies and the resulting decisions. She has been a teen mother and is now also raising a grandchild after the mother became unable to provide a stable life for the child.

**Kelly helps audiences understand** that the most effective way to ease the crisis teens experience with serious issues is to lift the veil of denial that often surrounds such topics. She does so with humor, grace, and real life examples to which an audience can easily relate.

**An accomplished CEO,** Kelly understands the pressures young women face from an image-driven society. She launched and managed her own successful talent agency after years in modeling, fashion and retail, garnering an up-close view of the impact on young women's self esteem. She provides tangible proof that young women CAN positively impact their future.



**Kelly's popularity as a brilliant coach and a gifted communicator** stems from the enormous enthusiasm, insight, and energy she brings to her presentations.

Kelly Marquet (mar-kay) is available for speaking engagements for corporations, associations, public seminars and industry-specific trainings. She also conducts on-air media interviews and participates in select panel discussions.

To learn more about Kelly's speaking topics that will engage your audience, please visit

[www.legacy4kids.com](http://www.legacy4kids.com)



## Booking Kelly Marquet for your event

**Customized presentations to meet your organization goals and audience needs.**

**Kelly Marquet is experienced in helping you, the event planner to meet your audience needs.**

**Kelly offers a lineup of suggested topics from which you can choose,** with the ability to tailor each one to align with the subject of your event or the demographics of your audience.

**To design a program that is specifically tailored to your needs,** we work with your team to discuss your objectives. We then develop a program that's custom suited to your stated objective. This teamwork approach guarantees that the message you want is delivered powerfully, effectively and right on target.

Please have the following information prepared when you contact us regarding a speaking opportunity:

- Are you a corporation or type of organization?
- When and where is your event taking place?
- What is the expected audience size?
- What is the expected ratio of teens to parents?
- How many other speakers will be at your event?
- Will Kelly be delivering the keynote address?
- What time constraints are there for her presentation?
- What is the overall objective of your event?
- What is the overall objective of Kelly's presentation within your event?
- How do you want your audience to think, feel, or act differently as a result of Kelly's session?
- How will you know if you have accomplished your objectives/goals?
- Are you looking for a motivational talk, or a content-driven, action-oriented presentation?
- Which of these two types have you tried in the past?
- What worked well and what did not?
- What is your budget for your speaker?
- What is your time frame for making a decision?



## Interview Questions for Kelly Marquet

### **Suggested questions to help your audience get the most from your interview with Kelly**

- You are obviously passionate about helping parent and teens deal with pregnancy and other issues. What's your story? How did this become such important work for you?
- What is it about today's world that contributes to the rise of unplanned pregnancy among our young people?
- In what ways are teens today significantly different than previous generations?
- Do you think parents are making mistakes that turn teens away, or hamper communications?
- From the teen's perspective, how does better communication with a parent help them?
- What's the single most important thing parents ought to do differently to get teens to open up?
- What are the five factors that could well determine whether or not your child will engage in self-destructive behavior (unplanned pregnancy, drugs or suicide)?
- Are there indicators to watch for that predict a teen may engage in self-destructive behavior?
- You are the founder of Legacy 4 Kids.com, you're a parent/teen expert and coach, yet you're not a psychologist. What are your credentials?
- What's the difference between coaching and therapy? Why would someone prefer coaching instead of therapy?
- How can our listeners/audience get your Free Resources for parents?

## Kelly Marquet – Suggested Interview Topics

**Kelly addresses topics grouped under the following categories:**

### **The Truth and Consequences of a Teen Pregnancy**

Unplanned pregnancy poses many challenges for a teenager, with questions and issues that few are prepared to address. Kelly can help your audience explore:

- **Abortion vs. Parenting:** Abortion ends the pregnancy, but not the factors that contributed to it. That's why repeat abortions are common among some young women. In contrast, opting to give birth requires a decision to keep and raise the child, or to give the child up for adoption. The real issue is that parenting means you have the child's best interest at heart and not your own. This is a controversial topic that creates a great deal of question and answer dialogue.
- **Adoption:** comparing open adoptions with closed adoptions – what are the differences and pitfalls?
- **Custody Issues:** Will the father be involved? What happens if the mother cannot handle her responsibilities? What rights do the grandparents have? There are many complicated issues to navigate, and Kelly helps the audience consider what is best for the newborn child and the consequences of each decision.
- **The 'Other Grandparents':** Even if the father chooses not to be involved, his family (the paternal grandparents) may desire to be. They have just as much right to their opinions and concerns as the maternal grandparents, and involving them has short and long-term implications for the child. How do you incorporate these 'family members' into your own, particularly if they are complete strangers?
- **Education and Career:** Options for continuing education during and after a pregnancy and some new career choices for stay at home parents.

### **The Mom-Preneur:**

- **Life Purpose Development** – What are your best attributes and talents? How would you best serve yourself and your new family?
- **Career Options**-It is imperative that there is a parent at home until the child is at least 3 years old. Kelly is a firm believer in this principle. Kelly can help you find ways to support your family and still be a responsible parent.
- **Parents Working From Home** – There are many ways in the new virtual workplace to make money working from home. Kelly will help you explore these options and see which ones might fit for you.



### **A New Parents Legacy of Obligation and Responsibility:**

- The Family Tribe/It Takes a Village – It may not be 1950 and June Cleaver is not in the kitchen, but the needs of our children are still just as important as ever. Learn how to accept help and care from friends and family members with grace. It is not gallant to do it all alone. Just very stressful and thankless.
- Healthcare – A new challenge this day and age. An absolute must and a critical part of being a responsible parent.
- Diet and Exercise – Taking care of yourself, so you are able to take care of your children. The most important concerns of today’s young parents.
- Our New Leaders in Training – Your children will be our future. You owe it to them to give them the best foundation. How do you do this even if you yourself did not have one? Consider this thought: Your next Senator, President, CEO with a full face of piercings, tattoos, pants hanging down around his/her groin creating the laws and structure of our nation. Our teens aren’t growing out of this phase, it is lingering on and the entitlement issues are lasting on through the 30’s! How do we change this?
- Making a Difference- What can you do as an adult or parent to make a difference in our youth today? Become a mentor. Be the change.

## Kelly Marquet – Data on U.S. Teen Pregnancy

**Research to help inform your interview with Kelly, with links to resources.**

In the United States, one of every ten births involves a teen mother. According to a September 2006 report by the Guttmacher Institute, the following statistics characterize teenage pregnancy in the US:

**1. Three-quarters of a million teens between 15 and 19 become pregnant each year.**

**2. Very few teens who become mothers plan on doing so.**

Out of all teen pregnancies, 82% are unintended. Teen pregnancy accounts for 20% of all unplanned pregnancies annually.

**3. Two-thirds of teen pregnancies occur among teens 18-19 years old.**

**4. Teen mothers account for 11% of all births in the US.**

**5. Out of all teen pregnancies, 57% end in birth.**

Another 14% end in miscarriage.

**6. Nearly a third of pregnant teenagers choose abortion.**

Out of all teenage pregnancies, 29% are terminated by abortion.

**7. Black teens have the highest teen pregnancy rate.**

For young women age 15-19, black teens are most likely to become pregnant (134 per 1,000 women). Slightly lower rates occur among Hispanics (131 per 1,000) followed by non-Hispanic whites (48 per 1,000).

**8. Teens who become pregnant are less likely to attend college.**

Although teenage mothers today are more likely to finish high school or earn their GEDs than in the past, pregnant teens are less likely to attend college than teens who do not become pregnant.

**9. US teen pregnancy rates are higher than those of other developed countries.**



US rates are twice as high as in England and Wales or Canada, and eight times as high as in the Netherlands or Japan.

**10. Teen pregnancy rates declined between 1991 and 2005 but are on the rise again.**

The teen pregnancy rate reached an all-time high in 1990 with an estimated 116.9 per thousand and an all-time high birth rate of 61.8 births per thousand in 1991. By 2002, the pregnancy rate had dropped to 75.4 per thousand - a decline of 36%. However, a December 2007 report by the Centers for Disease Control shows a 3% increase in teenage pregnancy from 2005 to 2006. In 2009 a slight decrease in some states, but huge increase in others.