

Matilde Maddaleno

Dr. Maddaleno is a pediatrician specializing in adolescence. Following receipt of her medical degree from the University of Chile, she completed postgraduate training in pediatrics. She also holds a master's degree in public health from The George Washington University. From 1986 to 1995, Dr. Maddaleno directed the Adolescent and Youth Program in Peñalolen, Chile, and, until 1996, served as assistant professor in pediatrics at her alma mater, where she was also a member of the Curricula Development and Research Advisory Group. From 1992 to 1994, Dr. Maddaleno directed the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Project to Promote Comprehensive Services for Children and Adolescents in the Eastern Metropolitan Area of Santiago, and from 1994 to 1996 was an advisor to the Chilean National Adolescent Health Program. From 1999 until April 2004, she served as Adjunct Assistant Professor of Global Health at The George Washington University.

Since 1996, she has served as Regional Advisor in Adolescent and Youth Health and Development for the Pan American Health Organization. In this role, she has overseen the provision of technical cooperation to Latin America and the Caribbean designed to enable governments to develop integrated national programs and services in adolescent health, including strengthening institutional capacity and increasing opportunities for professional training in adolescent public health. During her time at PAHO, Dr. Maddaleno has been an outspoken advocate for youth policy development within and outside the Organization, and she and the PAHO adolescent health team have successfully promoted fundraising and resource mobilization at the national and regional levels. In 2001, she was the recipient of an International Association for Adolescent Health Founders' Award for excellence in the field. Dr. Maddaleno is the proud mother of two late adolescents.