



**SAHRC/LEAH Teleconference**  
**The Intersection of Youth Development and Teen Pregnancy**  
**Prevention: Applying an Evidence Base**  
**Thursday, April 29, 2010**

This teleconference will focus broadly on the intersection of evidence based teen pregnancy prevention strategies and multi-faceted approaches tailored to the developmental needs of young people taking into account supporting factors such as accurate and comprehensive information, accessibility and confidentiality. This call will also feature discussion of how youth development strategies are utilized in one community-based teen pregnancy prevention setting, and how multiple issues are addressed to approach youth development in a holistic manner.

	<b>Teleconference/Webinar Agenda</b> <b>(times noted are Eastern Time)</b>
1:00pm	Introduction and Welcome  Speaker introductions and discussion facilitated by: <b>Dahlia Bousaid</b> Youth Development Specialist Office of Adolescent Health and Youth Development Massachusetts Department of Public Health
1:05pm	<i>Presentation:</i> <b>Linda H. Bearinger, Ph.D., RN, FAAN</b> Professor and Director, Center for Adolescent Nursing School of Nursing, University of Minnesota President, International Association for Adolescent Health
1:25pm	<i>Presentation:</i> <b>Linda Sou, MHS</b> Director, LCHC Teen Coalition Lowell Community Health Center
1:45pm	Facilitated Dialogue with Presenters
2:15pm	Questions & Answers with Participants
2:30pm	Closing Remarks & Adjourn

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**Presenters**



**Linda H. Bearinger, Ph.D., RN, FAAN**  
**Professor and Director, Center for Adolescent Nursing**  
**School of Nursing, University of Minnesota;**  
**President, International Association for Adolescent Health**

Linda Bearinger is Professor in the University of Minnesota's School of Nursing and Director of the Center of Adolescent Nursing, with joint appointments in the Schools of Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Bearinger received a BSN in Nursing from St. Olaf College, an MS in Community Health Nursing from the University of Colorado, and a PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Minnesota (UMN), where she also completed an Adolescent Health Post-Graduate Fellowship, in the UMN Medical School's Department of Pediatrics, Adolescent Health Program. She is also a recipient of the UMN Alumni Association 2009-10 Distinguished Teaching Award.

On Monday, April 26, Dr. Linda Bearinger, Received a Distinguished Teaching Award, the University of Minnesota's most prestigious award for excellence in teaching. Dr. Bearinger works diligently to connect her students with opportunities for their growth and professional development. She involves them in her research and scholarship, and, in fact, more than 80 percent of her publications have one or more students as authors. Her influence also reaches beyond the U. One former student notes that Bearinger "is the nation's foremost developer of interdisciplinary curricular and leadership training in adolescent nursing." A colleague remarks, "Her pioneering leadership in adolescent health, nationally and internationally, has broken new ground and set new standards in... postbaccalaureate, graduate, and professional education. "It is one thing to get high marks in student evaluations immediately after a course or seminar," a colleague points out, "but to leave an indelible mark is the sign of a brilliant teacher. Lyn is a brilliant teacher."



**Linda Sou, MHS**  
**Director, LCHC Teen Coalition**  
**Lowell Community Health Center**

As Director of Lowell Community Health Center's Teen Coalition Linda works with a team of youth development specialist servicing young people of the City of Lowell in an after-school setting. Linda serves as facilitator of communication with staff leadership, subcontracted partners, and local youth providers; maintains relationships with public/private funders; and develops grant proposals to support sustainability. Linda and her team lead substance abuse, violence, HIV/AIDS, and teen pregnancy prevention, awareness and education initiatives to build bridges that enhance adolescent services internally and throughout Lowell.

In August of 2009, Linda completed her graduate studies at Springfield College – Boston Campus with a Master's of Science in Organizational Leadership and Management. Linda graduated from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) with a BA in Sociology, with a double minor in Social Work and Criminal Justice. She served as a Clinical Case Manager at *Hillcrest Educational Centers Inc.* where she was responsible for managing a caseload of children, clients typically suffered from mental health issues, MR, emotional and physical abuse, including working closely with the designated clinician to ensure proper implementation of treatment. She also worked as the agency's communicator to outside resources and to provide support services to inpatient adolescent clients. Previously, she worked for the *Community Transition Program* in North Adams, MA where she was responsible for teaching and reinforcing social skills with clients ages 11-16 years old, and following through with treatment plans implemented by clinical staff. She has also interned at the *Berkshire Juvenile Court* in North Adams, MA where she worked closely with probation officers to understand the logistics of case management and the proceedings of the courtroom.

Linda continues her work with the *Angkor Dance Troupe Inc.*, servicing as the Vice President of the Board of Directors and working on programs like the Southeast Asian Young Women's Initiative. Linda was also a lead subject in the documentary film, "*Monkey Dance*" by Julie Mallozzi which has been screened throughout the United States to raise awareness on intergenerational challenges facing Cambodian youth in Lowell, MA.