



Data Flash



May 2009 Traffic Light: Family Functioning & Relationships Trends

Caregivers/ Parents and Youth in the Systems of Hope Evaluation complete surveys shortly after they enroll in the program and every 6 months assessing their perceptions of youth strengths, family functioning, and impairment in emotional, behavioral, and relational functioning.



Red Light (Concern):

- Youth perceptions of family connectedness decreased for SOH youth while increasing for youth overall in SOC programs.

Yellow Light (Caution/ Monitor):

- Caregivers and youth differ in their perception of the strengths of the youth in multiple areas. Using wraparound principles may increase the focus on youth strengths.
- Families' perceptions of their relationships and ability to cope with challenges did not significantly change.

Green Light (Good news):

- Children's ability to control their emotions and react to disappointments in a calm manner (interpersonal strength) improved after involvement in SOH.
- Caregiver perceptions of youth impairment in behavioral, emotional, and relational functioning decreased after involvement in SOH.