

Adolescents' perception of adolescent parent connectedness and selected associated factors among 13 -17 years aged schooling adolescents in Divulapitiya MOH area. MSc. (Community Medicine) - 2006 D 1649

The study was conducted to describe adolescents' perceptions of adolescent-parent connectedness and selected associated factors among 13-17 years aged schooling adolescents in Divulapitiya MOH area. The survey included 640 schooling adolescents out of 16 clusters from the schools in Divulapitiya MOH area. A self administered questionnaire was developed for the assessment of the parent adolescent connectedness, as perceived by the adolescents, with the help of a process similar to Delphi process ensuring validity and cultural acceptability. The questionnaire also covered the items related to selected associated factors. Majority of the adolescents reported very satisfactory relationships with their parents from the point of view of attachment to the parents, warmth, cohesion, support, communication and autonomy granting. However 75 percent of the adolescents reported that their parents selected punishments as a measure of control. Considerable proportion of adolescents reported overprotection and always setting limits by their parents. The parent adolescent connectedness was studied for selected associations. Age, sex, or religion was not significantly associated with adolescent parent connectedness according to this study. However some parental factors, family configuration, peer relationships, social class and neighborhood was significantly associated with parent adolescent connectedness.