



Family Involvement: Operational Definition & Impact on Service Delivery

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Today's Presentation

- Brief project overview (2:30-2:45)
 - National evaluation
 - Local evaluation
- How we came to understand family involvement (2:45-3:00)
- How we blended family involvement with evaluation data (3:00-3:15)
- Aggregate profile data (3:15-3:30)
- Discussion with audience and panel



Context & Characteristics

- 6th year in national CCMH SOC study
- Multi-agency system that addresses needs of children & youth with most complex problems
- Participants nominated by two systems
- Traditional services not meeting needs
- Serious emotional disturbance for at least 12-months & expected to exist for a long duration



Partnership Participants

- 163 in longitudinal study, 55 in cross-sectional study
- 69% are male and 31% female
- 91% white
- Age:
 - Mean: 12 years old
 - Range: 4-19 years old
 - Standard deviation: 3 years

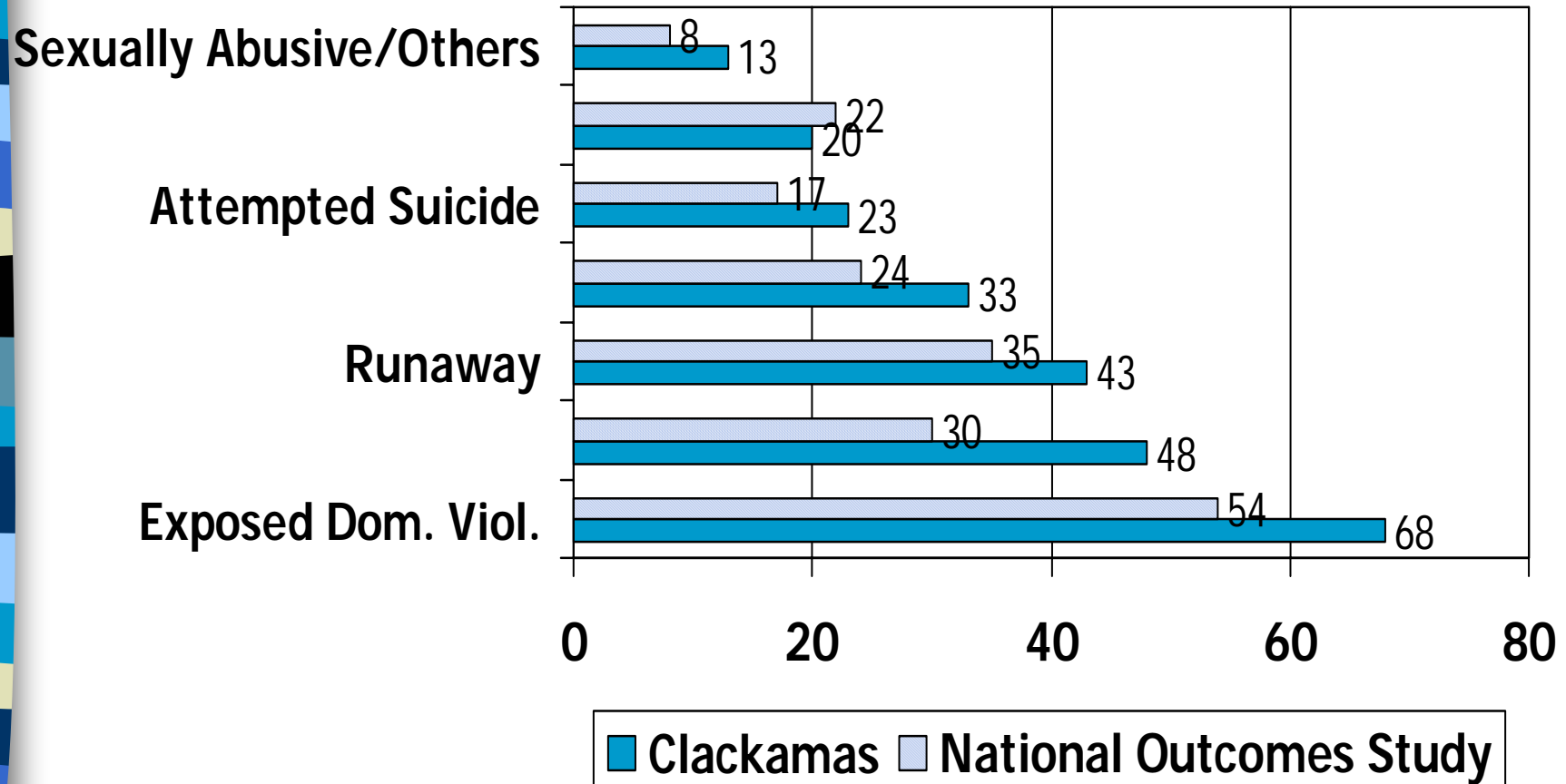


Family History

- 70% have history of mental illness in biological family
- 50% have biological family convicted of a crime
- 79% have biological family member with history of substance abuse
- 63% live with one or more biological parent
- 18% are wards of the state
- 16% live with adoptive or extended family

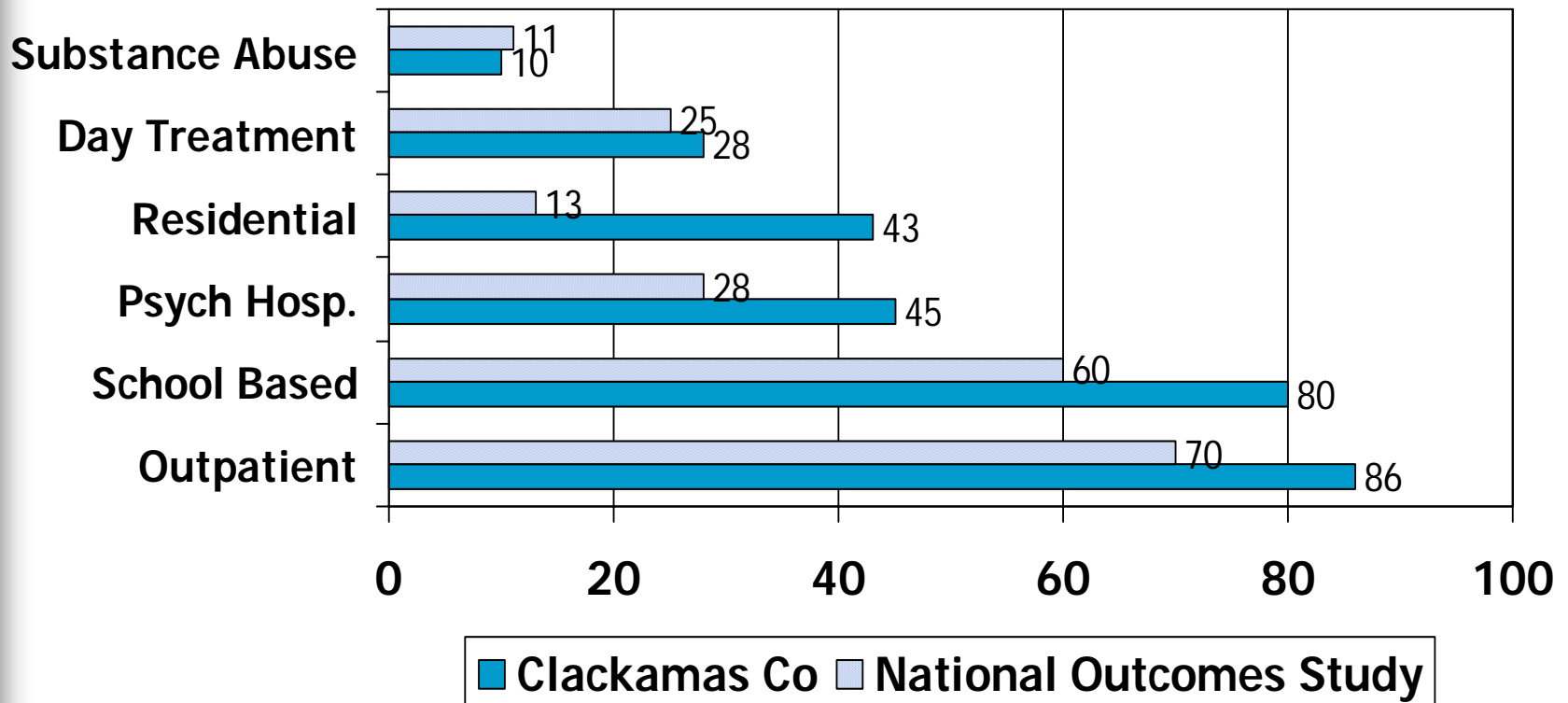
Youth History at Intake (N=218)

Percentage



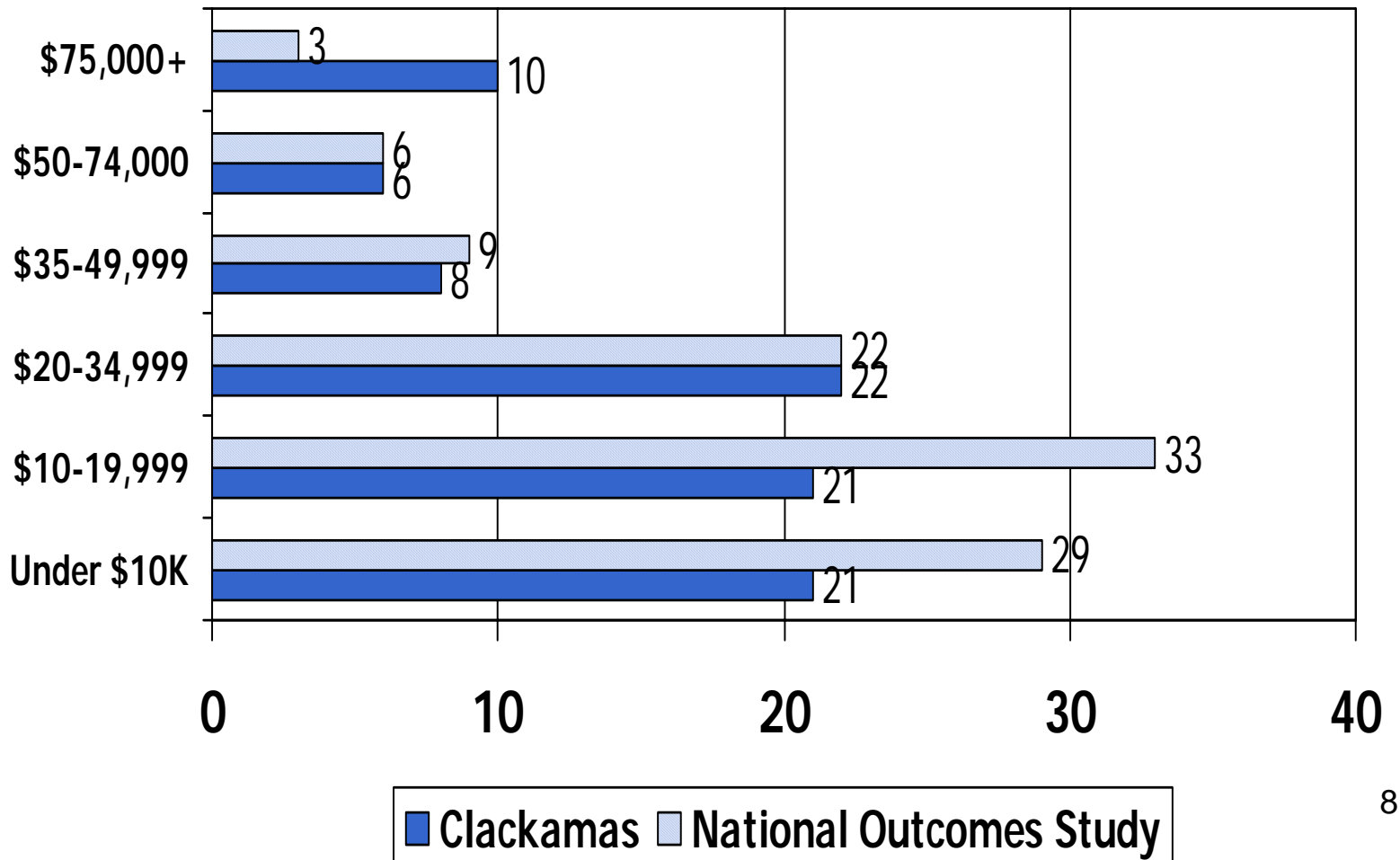
Services 12 Months Prior to Enrollment (N=218)

Percentage



Social Economic Status

Percentage





Participant Summary

- Clearly serve high need population
- Have significant family history factors
- Have significant range in SES

- So, how do we involve these families?



Family Involvement

.... is a guiding set of values and principles around which community mental health can be organized.



As a Community Mental Health Organization:

- We believe that families know their child;
- We believe that families can collaborate as equal partners at the table in care planning;
- We believe that all families have strengths.
- We believe that building connections with families is required at all levels from care planning through administration.



FFCMH Principles for Family Involvement

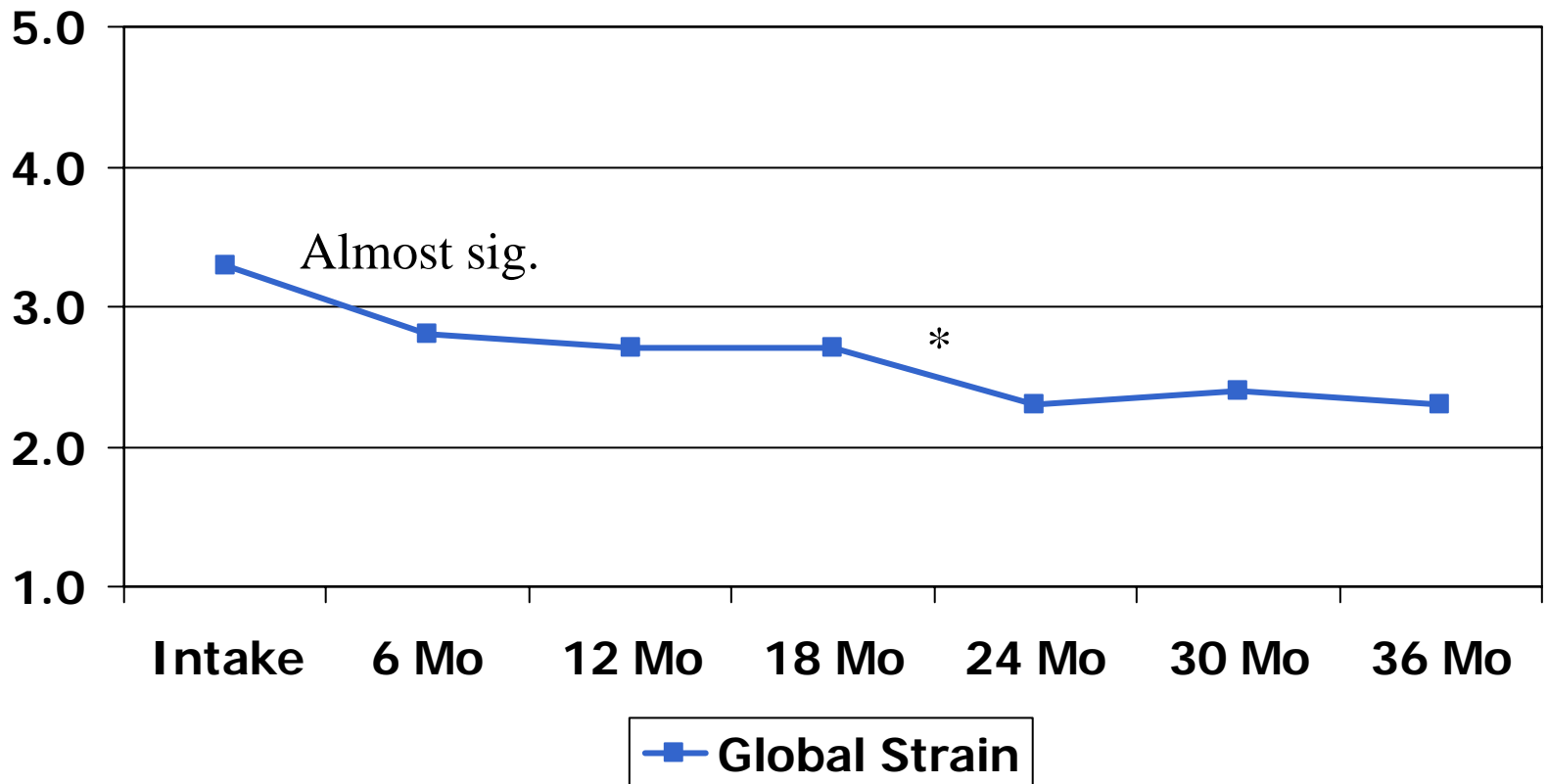
- Refer to handout for Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health



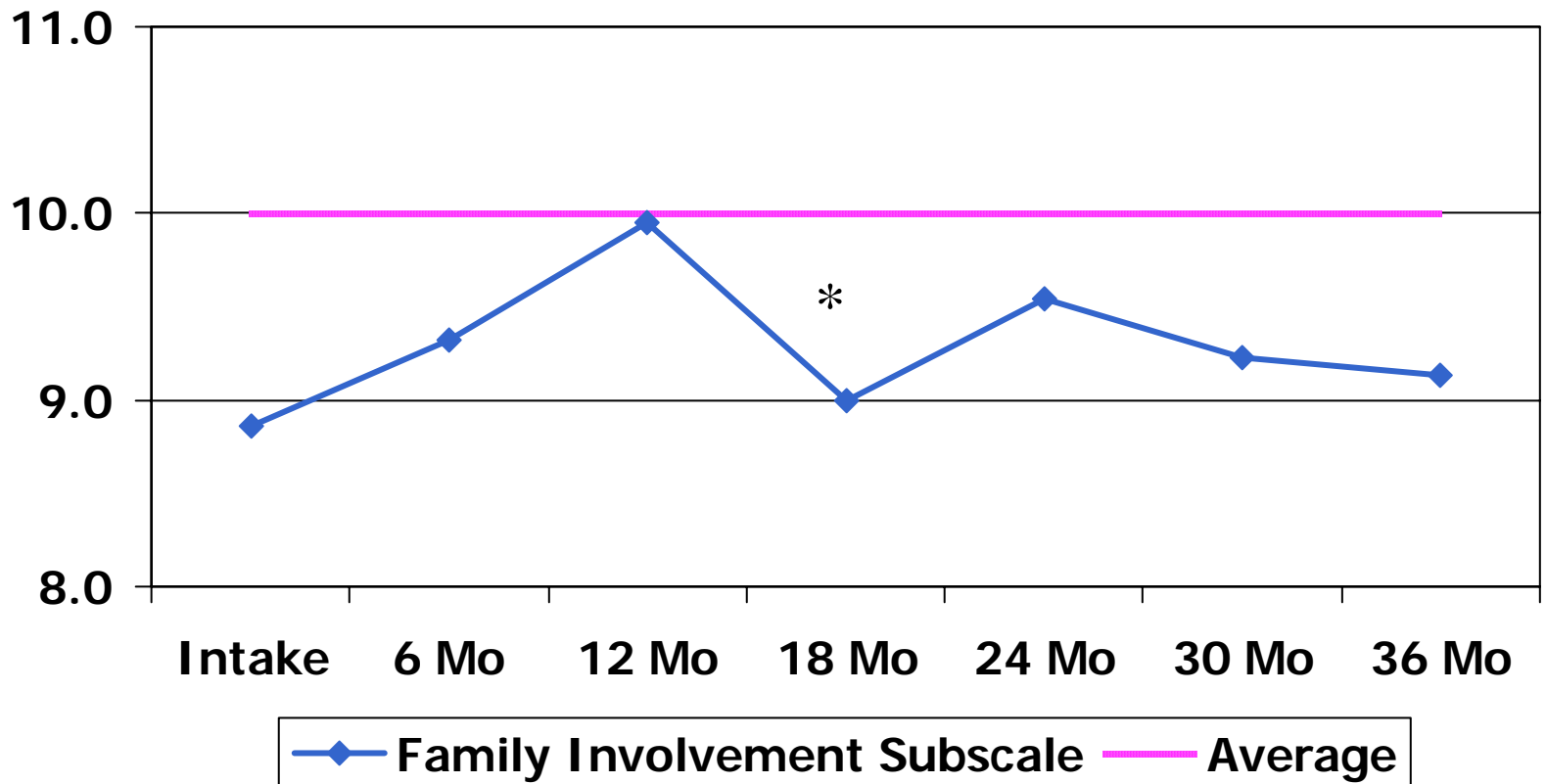
Merging Family Involvement With Evaluation Data

- Individual Family Profiles
- Aggregate Family Profile Data (N =22)
 - Reflects only cases that had complete data across all time points
 - Focusing on family related measures
- One family's personal experience with the profile

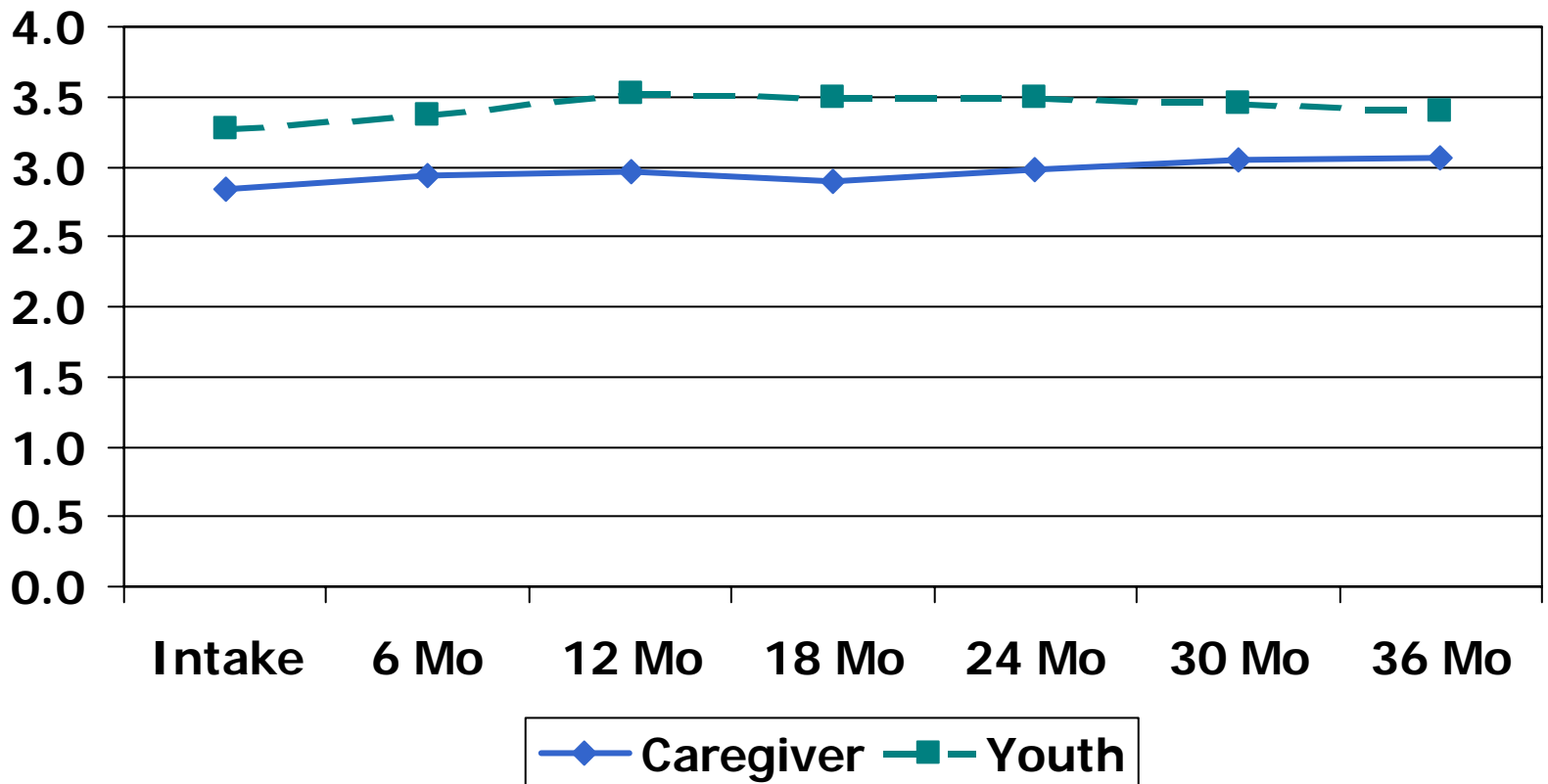
Caregiver Strain Questionnaire (n= 22)



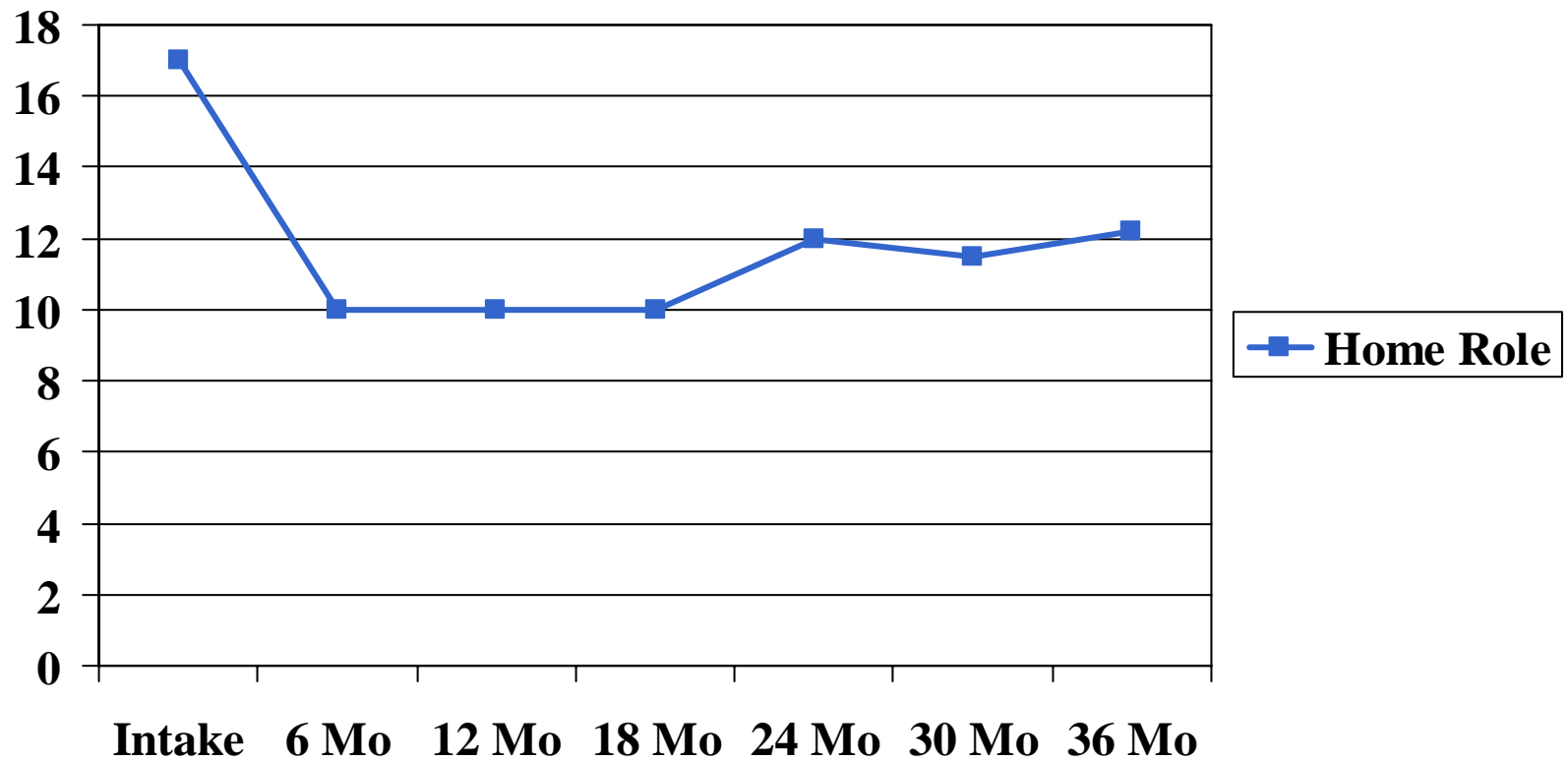
Behavioral & Emotional Rating Scale Family Involvement Subscale (n= 22)



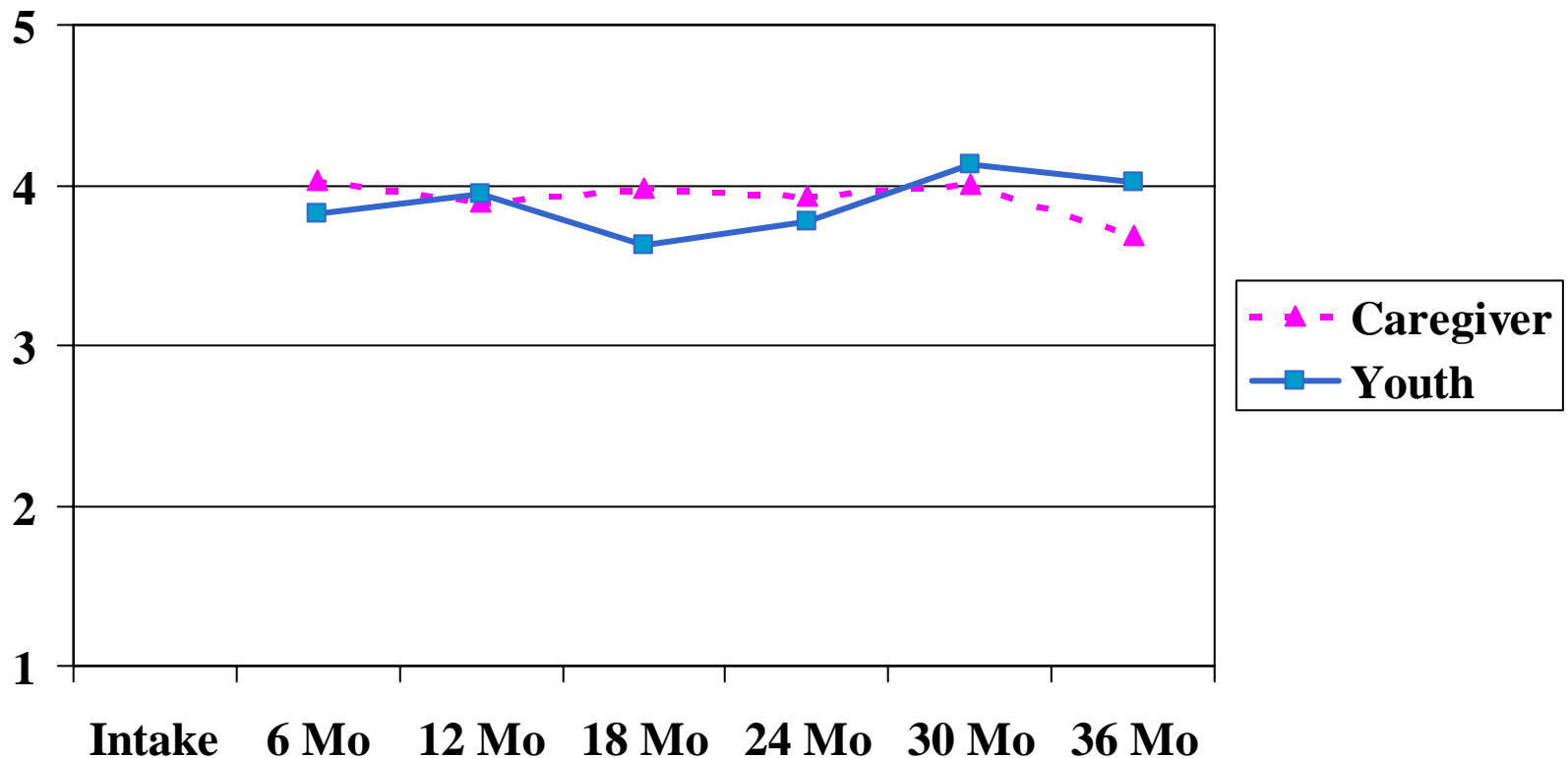
Family Assessment Device (Caregiver n = 22; Youth n = 4)



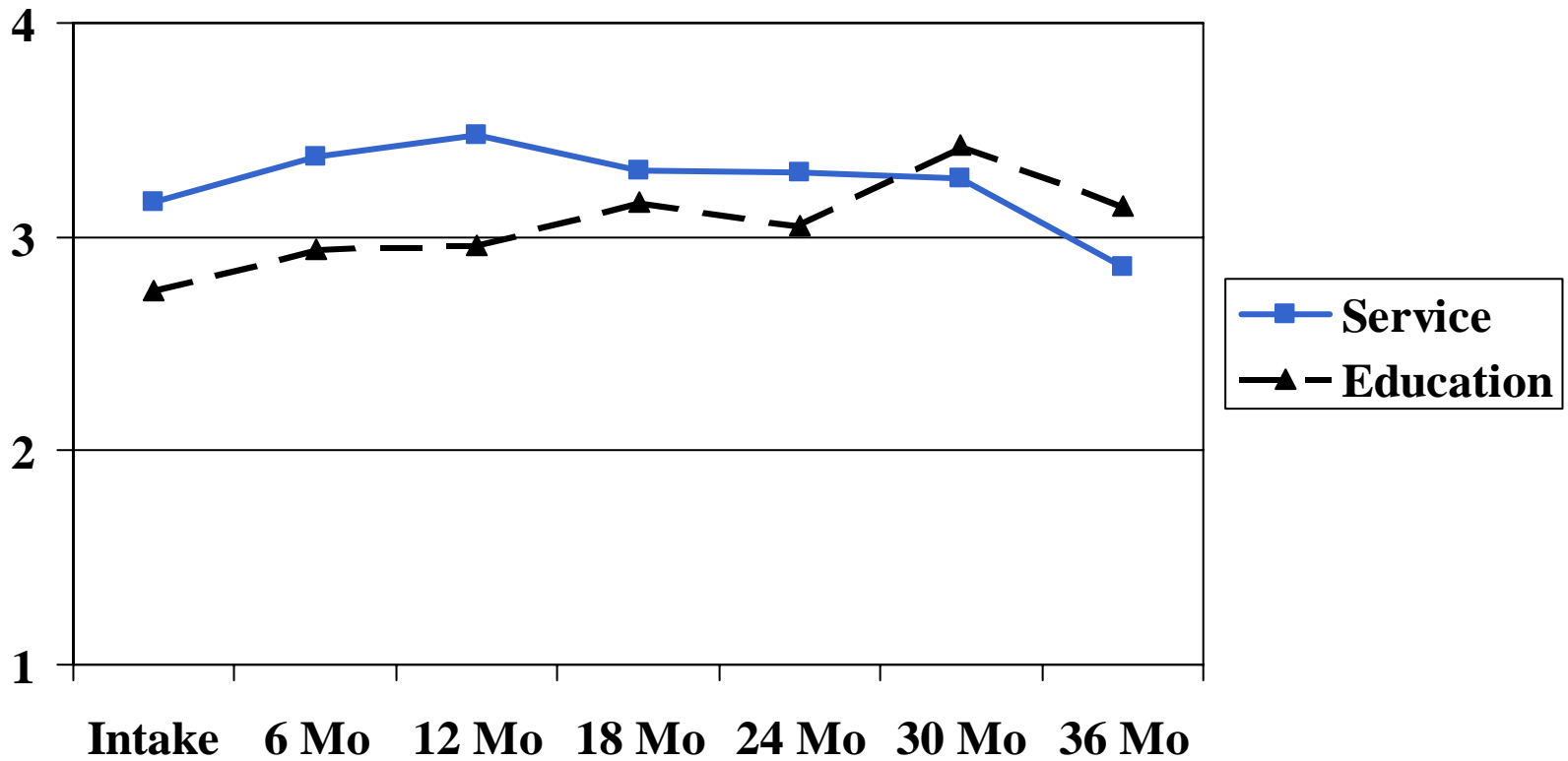
Child & Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS)



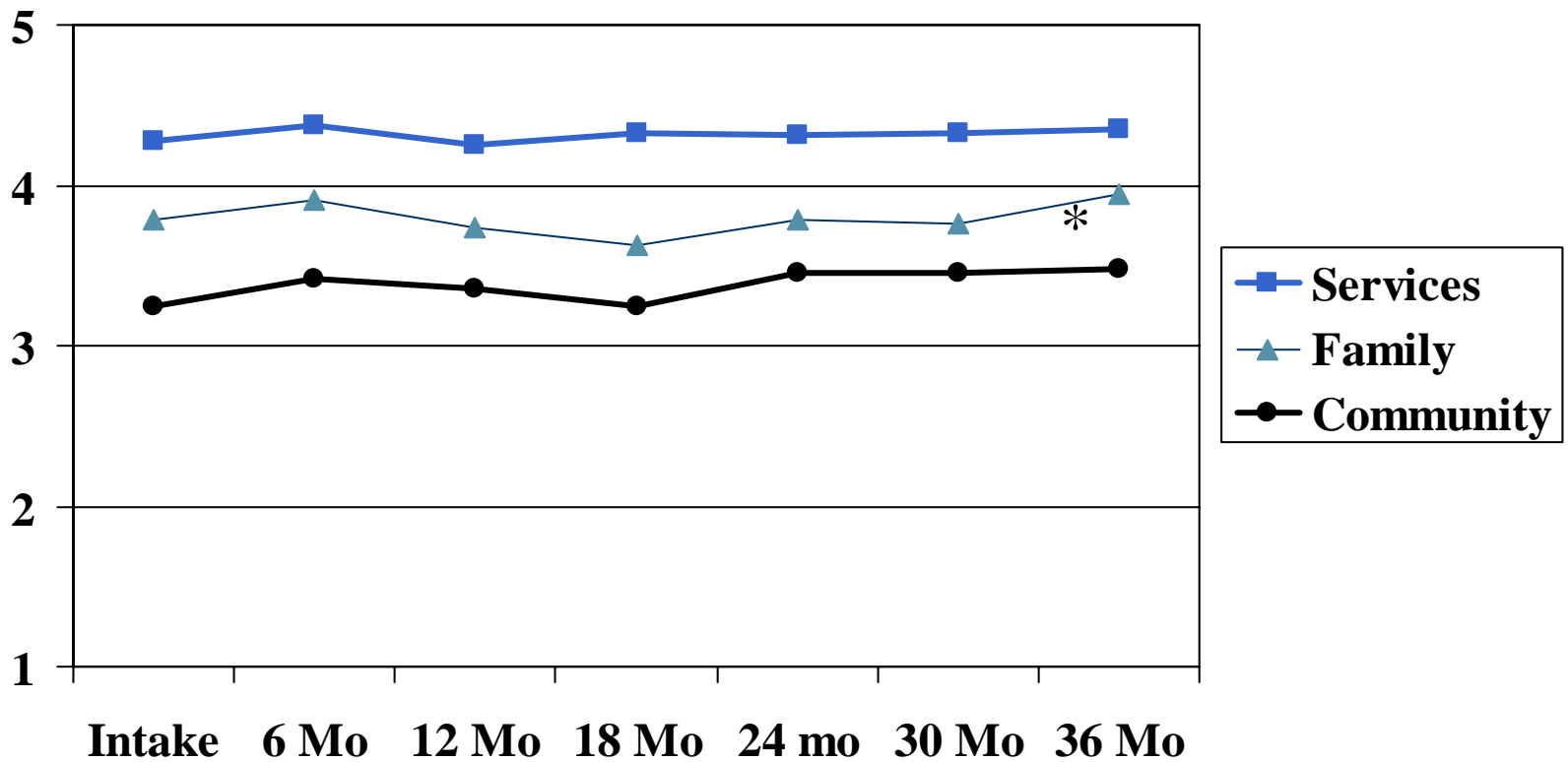
Satisfaction Questionnaire (Caregiver n = 17, Youth n = 6)



Participation in Planning



Family Empowerment Scale





A Family Perspective on Receiving Their 36-Month Profile

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