

Peralta Elementary School Counseling Services in 2008

In 2008, Bay Area Community Resources conducted an in-depth evaluation of our school-based counseling services, including the New Perspectives program in Marin and the Gateway program in West Contra Costa County. This report shows the counseling outcomes for your school.

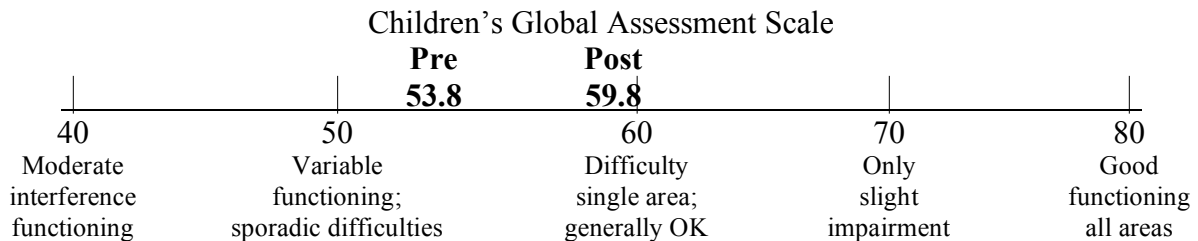
Key Findings

- ◆ 17 students participated in counseling 4 or more times, resulting in a treatment plan.
- ◆ Most students showed positive change on multiple measures.
- ◆ School staff or others who referred students to counseling saw positive change in a majority the students, usually “small positive change.”
- ◆ Most students said the counseling helped them.

Children’s Global Assessment Scale (CGAS)

This is a widely used, nationally standardized counseling scale that measures functioning in a variety of areas— e.g., emotions, behavior, or peer relationships at home or school. The score goes from 0 to 100, with 100 a positive score.

- ◆ The increase in the CGAS score from 53.8 on average at the beginning of counseling to 59.8 at the end was statistically significant ($p < .003$).
- ◆ 94% of clients had positive change, 6% negative change.



Stage of Change Scale

This scale measures client engagement in personal change. The score goes from 1 to 5, with 5 a positive score.

- ◆ The increase in the Stage of Change score from 1.6 on average at the beginning of counseling to 2.4 at the end was statistically significant ($p < .001$).
- ◆ 76% of clients showed positive movement in their stage of change, 24% no movement.

