

# Improving Adolescent Health: Person-to-Person Interventions to Improve Caregivers' Parenting Skills

## **Task Force Finding**

## **Intervention Definition**

Parenting interventions have the potential to affect a variety of adolescent risk behaviors and associated health outcomes. The interventions addressed in this review are designed to modify adolescents' risk/protective behaviors and health outcomes by improving their caregivers' parenting skills. To be included in this review, an intervention had to use information or behavioral strategies to improve parenting skills, and to do so through direct personal contact between the intervention provider and the caregiver.

### **Task Force Finding (October 2007)**

The Community Preventive Services Task Force recommends person-to-person interventions intended to modify adolescents' risk and protective behaviors by improving their caregivers' parenting skills based on sufficient evidence of effectiveness in reducing adolescent risk behaviors. These interventions are conducted either face-to-face or by telephone and occur outside of clinical settings.

#### **Publications**

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