

#### H-4 "Where are we in the Course of the Problems"

**Were the problems present continuously, episodically, or did new problems develop over older problems?**

1. Continuous
2. Episodically
3. One thing leads to another?
  - a. The first set of problems results in vulnerability of the child or the caregiving system
  - b. The first problems leads to a second set of problems, or a third
4. Old problems compounded by new problems
  - a. New stresses, unrelated to earlier problems, caused new problems that now co-exist with the old ones (can be multiple)
5. Is the child "overly sensitive", "under sensitive"?
6. Where in the Course of illness do you think the youth is?

Certain conditions have typical patterns. ADHD tends to be continuously present once noticed. Autism Spectrum does also. Anxiety, mood difficulties can be episodic either due to stresses, loss of protective factors, or for no clear reason.