

The number of suicidal attempts has been increasing. Family function was one of the important factors for daily life living of family members. The purpose of this descriptive study was to investigate the family function as perceived by persons with suicidal attempted. The sample consisted of 49 persons with suicidal attempted who were admitted at Phrae Hospital, Phrae Province, during January to December 2001. The instrument was a questionnaire consisting of The Personal Data and The Chulalongkorn Family Inventory (CFI) Questionnaire, developed by Umaporn Trankasombut (1997) based on McMaster Model of Family Functioning (MMFF). Data were analyzed by descriptive statistics.

The results revealed that 36.7 percent of the subjects perceived family function in the aspect of affective involvement at a poor level. They also perceived family function in the aspect of problem solving (51.0%), communication (28.6%), and affective responsiveness (51.0%) at a fair level. In addition, the subjects perceived family function in the aspect of role (67.3%), behavior control (57.1%), and general function (69.4%) at a moderate level.

The findings from this study could be used as a preliminary data for promoting and preventing mental health in family of persons with suicidal attempted. In addition, the results will be beneficial in promoting and enhancing community and society to collaborate, support, and care for persons with suicidal attempted.