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Survivor Role Play Version A

How you feel:

You trust the advocates sitting across from you, but everything in your life experience tells you not to let this person know that you trust her. If she gives you useful information you will follow it.

What you want:

You want help with your older son's bedwetting. Your batterer told you that the reason he hit the children was to teach them not to wet the bed, and you want to protect your son.

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Survivor Role Play Version B

How you feel:

A friend, who has been in the shelter before, told you that the staff really don't care and that they are just pretending to be nice. You are here because you need to be safe but you're sure that this advocate, who is sitting across from you, doesn't care about you and doesn't really want to help.

What you want:

You don't have any children and you've come to shelter to get safe from your batterer, but what you really need is bus fare to get to another city where you can move in with your sister and help her take care of her children.

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Survivor Role Play Version C

How you feel:

You're not certain that you're comfortable talking with this advocate who seems a little standoffish. However, if she tells you her name and one other fact about herself [for example, if she tells you how long she's worked at shelter or what her role is, or the shifts that she works, or a similar bit of information], then you will feel safe enough to let her know what you want.

What you want:

You are in shelter to be safe from an abusive live-in boyfriend. He took your medications and you are worried that you will run out of them.