

INDIRECT QUESTIONS

Indirect questions invite the client to consider how others might feel or respond to some aspect of the client's life, behavior or future changes. Indirect questions can be useful in asking the client to reflect on narrow or faulty perceptions without the worker directly challenging those perceptions or behaviors.

Examples:

“How is it that someone might think that you are neglecting or mistreating your children?”

“Has anyone ever told you that they think you have a drinking problem?”

“At the coming court hearing, what changes do you think the judge will expect from you in order to consider returning your children?”