

Role Play Scenarios for Formulation of Content and Process Interview Responses

"No, I don't want to talk to you. I don't care who called you. There's nothing wrong in this house. You can leave any time. You know, you people have a lot of nerve thinking you can come around accusing people of beating their kids."

"I don't know what's wrong with Michael. He's not like my other children. My others always listen and do what they're told. Not him. He's got a stubborn streak and he defies me intentionally!"

"We just moved here. I didn't want to come, but my boyfriend brought me. I don't like it at all, but I don't have any money to go home."

"The last time I saw Jim was about 6 months ago. I don't know where he is now. Timmy asks about him . . . but what do you tell a child when his father doesn't want to have anything to do with him?"

"It's not my fault that she's so obstinate. I've done all I can. She certainly doesn't get that quality from me, even though my mother thinks differently!"

"I don't want to go to school. I don't like it. The teacher is mean. She makes fun of me when I don't read the words right."

"Oh, I might hit him every now and then, but not hard enough to leave bruises. He asks for it, though. It's like he really wants me to hit him. He just keeps at me until any normal person would blow up."

"Nobody in this neighborhood does any better or worse than anyone else. None of us has any money. We all do the best we can with what we've got, which isn't much, let me tell you."

"I thought things were going pretty good between us. He never complained. Then one day, he just disappeared. I don't know what went wrong! I don't know if I did something, or what. I just don't know."

"Everybody says I'm too young to keep this baby. But it's mine, and I'm not going to give it up. It's not their choice, it's mine, and I'm going to keep him."