

Feedback Practice Video Script #2

Caseworker Hi, Linda

Linda Hi, how are you?

Caseworker Fine, how are you doing?

Linda Pretty Good

Caseworker Linda, one of the things I want to do in our meeting today is to go over the concurrent plan. Do you remember what that is? It's a planning for two possible outcomes at once. One being that Megan would come home with you and the second is that she will continue to grow up with the O'Brien's where she is staying now.

Linda (afraid and getting angry) So you are saying to me that I screwed up more than I should have and now I might not get Megi back at all!! Is that what you mean by "current" planning?

Caseworker (with frustration and an irritated tone) No, I didn't say that you screwed up. What I am saying is that we are just trying to plan for the future.

Time out

Linda So, you are saying to me that I screwed up more than I should have and that now maybe I am not going to get Megi back at all?! That's what you mean by a 'current' plan?

Caseworker (Leans back in chair, and says in a slightly critical or patronizing tone) Megi has been in foster care over six months and she needs to be someplace where she can grow up.

Linda Yeah, yeah I know, that's what I keep hearing from all you guys. I know she needs a home for good. I am trying! You try kicking this habit. It is, like, so hard!

Caseworker I know its been tough for you, Linda.

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Linda Do you? Do you?

Caseworker You have always told me, that even during the worst of times, you keep Megi in your thoughts and she is your reason to keep trying to kick your habit.

Linda (frustrated, close to tears) I love that kid; I don't want to lose her.

Caseworker (quiet)

Linda Oh, god. What am I going to do?

Caseworker Well, we've got a lot to talk about, that's for sure. And we'll do that. (pause) I want you to know that I know that you love Megi.

Linda Yeah. What a mess this is. I am so confused!

Caseworker Tell me about your confusion. I want to understand.

Linda I want her back, I really do, but sometimes I think she's better off with someone who doesn't have so many problems. But I don't want her to grow up and hate me, I don't know

Caseworker You feel several things at once, and they don't fit together too well. Is that right?

Linda Yeah, it's just way too much sometimes.

