

Thinking About the Kinds of Questions That We Ask Our Clients

1. Questions about problems.

≈ What is your problem? How long have you had the problem? Do you have other problems like this? Do you realize you have this problem? Why haven't you done anything about this problem?

2. Questions about mistakes.

≈ Didn't you realize you were going to get into this kind of trouble if you did _____? Do you find that you often make the same mistakes as your parents or friends? Why didn't you think _____ through before you acted?

3. Questions about causes.

≈ What was your childhood like? Tell me about your relationship with your mother.

4. Questions about solutions (from our point of view).

≈ Wouldn't you be interested in hearing about our _____ program? Would you like to go back and finish high school? Would you like to get some job training? Have you been to see a doctor lately? We have this great group that discusses _____--do you think you'd like to try that?

5. Questions about feelings.

≈ How do you feel about being here? How do you feel about getting arrested? How do you feel about letting your family down? How do you feel about turning your friends in?