

# Questions to Ask Your Clients About Physical Abuse

- ▶ Is there something that you would like to share with me?
- ▶ Has there been a recent incident (with a family member, friend and/or caregiver) that is causing you concern?
- ▶ Is there anyone close to you that makes you feel uncomfortable?
- ▶ Is there anyone that you fear being left alone with?
- ▶ Are you afraid of any family members and/or caregivers?
- ▶ How do family members behave toward you?
- ▶ Does your caregiver and/or family member(s) always answer questions that are asked of you? Is there someone in your life who is mistreating/harming you?
- ▶ Have you ever been touched in any way you did not want?
- ▶ Do you have any bruises, cuts and/or pain in your body that you cannot explain?
- ▶ Have you ever experienced physical abuse in the past?
- ▶ Are you alone a lot?
- ▶ Does your family member/caregiver take you to see a doctor when you have pain or an injury of any sort?
- ▶ Do you see different doctors/hospitals every time you are injured?
- ▶ Does your family member or caregiver force you to see a different doctor or hospital when you are injured?
- ▶ Has anyone tried to harm you while under the influence of alcohol or any other substances?
- ▶ Have you ever been forced or tricked to take any substances that may impair your memory or judgment?

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