

Questions to Ask Your Clients About Psychological Abuse

- ▶ 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 family members and/or caregivers?
- ▶ How do family members behave towards you? Are they verbally abusive?
- ▶ Do your caregiver and/or family member(s) always answer questions that are asked of you?
- ▶ Can you tell me about a time recently when someone talked to or yelled at you in a way that made you feel bad about yourself?
- ▶ Does anyone ever scold or threaten you? Can you give me an example?
- ▶ Does anyone ever tell you that you're sick when you know you aren't? Can you give me an example?
- ▶ When was the last time you got to see relatives or friends?
- ▶ Do you have any access to a telephone? If not, why not?
- ▶ Are you by yourself a lot?

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