

Personal Interview

(To Be Answered Only by the Person)

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INSTRUCTIONS

- These questions can be answered **ONLY** by the person, preferably in private.
- There are four situations in which the interview may be done with others present:
 - 1) An interpreter or other helper is needed by the person to complete this interview
 - 2) The person wants someone else to be there with him/her
 - 3) There is any strong objection from any third parties (providers, relatives, guardians)
 - 4) You, the Visitor, feel uncomfortable for any reason being in private with this person
- Try to interview the person, even if there is doubt about ability to respond; **BUT --**
- Keep it informal. Begin with the usual social niceties that you would expect from any visitor to your home. How are you, telling about yourself, comments on the home, etc.
- If the person clearly is not responding or understanding after a little while, you may make a note at the end of this section, thank the person, and terminate the interview.
- Any item with 5-point scale answers should be thought of as a "YES-NO" or "GOOD-BAD" 2-point scale, with a chance to get more detail if the person is able. Example: Ask "How do you feel about living here?" and the person answers "Good" then you probe "Would you say Good or Very Good?" If the person answers "I don't know," or "Not sure," or some indefinite answer, probe with "Do you feel on the good or bad side?" If no preference, stick with "Fair," which we will interpret to mean "In Between."
- Tell the person this interview is **VOLUNTARY**. Say that he/she does **NOT HAVE TO** talk to you. Even if he/she agrees to the interview, he/she can stop at any time, for any reason.

1. Do you want to talk to me about your home, your life, and your feelings?

0 No (STOP)

_____ 1 Yes

2. How do you feel about living here?

1 Very Poor

2 Poor

_____ 3 Fair (In Between, Not Sure)

4 Good

5 Very Good

9 No Answer or Not Applicable - person has no home at present

2A. What do you like about living here?

(Probe: like the best, like the most.)

2B. What do you not like about living here?

(Probe: like the least, dislike.)

3. Who picked this place for you to live in? (REPHRASE AS NECESSARY, USING THE WORDS "CHOOSE," "CHOICES," ETC.)

- _____ 1 Others made the choice (family, professionals, court, etc.)
- _____ 2 Person had little input
- _____ 3 Person had some input
- _____ 4 Person had a major say; decision was shared
- _____ 5 Person chose (even if assisted, person made the final choice)
- _____ 9 Don't Know or Not Applicable

4. How is the food here? (Rephrase if person cooks for him/herself.)

- _____ 1 Very Poor
- _____ 2 Poor
- _____ 3 Fair (In Between, Not Sure)
- _____ 4 Good
- _____ 5 Very Good
- _____ 9 No Answer or Not Applicable (e.g., nutrition via tube)

5. Do you get to pick what's made for breakfast, lunch, and dinner?

- _____ 1 Others make the choice (family, professionals, court, etc.)
- _____ 2 Person has little input
- _____ 3 Person has some input
- _____ 4 Person has a major say; decisions are shared
- _____ 5 Person chooses (even if assisted, person makes final choices)
- _____ 9 Don't Know or Not Applicable

6. Do you have a person-centered plan?

- _____ 0 No
- _____ 1 Yes
- _____ 9 Not sure

7. How do you feel about what's in your person-centered plan?

- _____ 1 Very Poor
- _____ 2 Poor
- _____ 3 Fair (In Between, Not Sure)
- _____ 4 Good
- _____ 5 Very Good
- _____ 9 No Answer, Don't Know, or Not Applicable

8. How do you feel about the people you live with?

(NOTE: THIS QUESTION IS ABOUT ROOMMATES, NOT ABOUT STAFF, WIVES, CHILDREN, PARENTS, ETC.)

- _____ 1 Very Poor
- _____ 2 Poor
- _____ 3 Fair (In Between, Not Sure)
- _____ 4 Good
- _____ 5 Very Good
- _____ 9 No Answer or Not Applicable

9. Did you pick who you live with?

- _____ 1 Others made the choice (family, professionals, court, etc.)
- _____ 2 Person had little input
- _____ 3 Person had some input
- _____ 4 Person had a major say; decision was shared
- _____ 5 Person chose (even if assisted, person made the final choice)
- _____ 9 Don't Know or Not Applicable

10. Do you have enough privacy or not?
1 Definitely Not
2 Probably Not
_____ 3 Maybe (In Between, Not Sure)
4 Yes, Probably
5 Yes, Definitely
9 No Answer or Not Applicable (e.g., lives alone)

11. Would you rather live somewhere else?
1 Definitely Not
2 Probably Not
_____ 3 Maybe (In Between, Not Sure)
4 Yes, Probably
5 Yes, Definitely
9 No Answer or Not Applicable (e.g., lives alone)

11A. IF YES, WHERE? _____

12. How do you feel about the people who (work with you / assist you) here (the staff)?
1 Very Poor
2 Poor
_____ 3 Fair (In Between, Not Sure)
4 Good
5 Very Good
9 No Answer or Not Applicable; no "staff" who work at the home

13. Did you pick the people who (work with you / assist you) here (the staff)?
1 Others made the choice (family, professionals, court, etc.)
2 Person had little input
_____ 3 Person had some input
4 Person had a major say; decision was shared
5 Person chose (even if assisted, person made the final choice)
9 Don't Know or Not Applicable

14. How do you feel about your [job, school, day program, workshop, etc.]?
1 Very Poor
2 Poor
_____ 3 Fair (In Between, Not Sure)
4 Good
5 Very Good
9 No Answer or Not Applicable

15. Did you pick your [job, school, day program, workshop, etc.]?
1 Others made the choice (family, professionals, court, etc.)
2 Person had little input
_____ 3 Person had some input
4 Person had a major say; decision was shared
5 Person chose (even if assisted, person made the final choice)
9 Don't Know or Not Applicable

16. How do you feel about the way things are with you and your family?
1 Very Poor
2 Poor
_____ 3 Fair (In Between, Not Sure)
4 Good
5 Very Good

9 No Answer or Not Applicable

17. Do you have friends or not?

- 1 No Friends
- 2 Just One
- _____ 3 A Few
- 4 Yes, Some
- 5 Yes, A Lot
- 9 Not sure, no answer

18. Who is your best friend?

- 1 Staff Member
- 2 Other Paid Professional
- 3 Advocate, Guardian
- _____ 4 Foster Family Member
- 5 Family Member
- 6 Peer With A Disability
- 7 Unpaid Person Without Disability (Neighbor, Co-Worker, etc.)
- 8 Boyfriend or Girlfriend
- 9 Don't Know or Not Applicable - No Best Friend

19. Do you ever get lonely?

- 1 Yes, Often
- 2 Yes, Sometimes
- _____ 3 In Between, Not Sure
- 4 No or Very Rarely
- 5 No, Never
- 9 No Answer or Not Applicable

20. When you go out places (field trips, shopping, movies, parks, walks, or any other outings), who picks where you go?

- 1 Others make the choice (family, professionals, court, etc.)
- 2 Person has little input
- _____ 3 Person has some input
- 4 Person has a major say; decisions are shared
- 5 Person chooses (even if assisted, person makes final choices)
- 9 Don't Know or Not Applicable

21. Would you like to go out more often, or less often?

- 1 Much less often
- 2 Somewhat less often
- _____ 3 About the same
- 4 Somewhat more often
- 5 Much more often

22. Is religion (faith, church, worship) a large part of your life, or small, or not at all?

- 1 Not at all
- 2 Small
- _____ 3 In between
- 4 Large
- 5 Very large

23. How do you feel about that?

1 Very poor

2 Poor

_____ 3 In between

4 Good

5 Very good

24. Are you involved in self-determination?

1 Definitely Not

2 Probably Not

_____ 3 Maybe (In Between, Not Sure)

4 Yes, Probably

5 Yes, Definitely

9 No Answer or Not Applicable (e.g., lives alone)

25. How do you feel about self-determination, good or bad?

1 Very Bad

2 Bad

_____ 3 Fair (In Between, Not Sure)

4 Good

5 Very Good

9 No Answer or Not Applicable

26. What things are the most important for your happiness? (Up to three things.)

26A _____

26B _____

26C _____

27. What things make you the most unhappy? (Up to three things.)

27A _____

27B _____

27C _____

28. If you had one wish, what would you wish for?

29. Is there anything else you'd like to say?