

## QUESTIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE VOLUNTEERS

Please respond to these questions. Try to respond as completely as you can. There are no right or wrong answers. We are merely trying to get an indication of the range of your experience. If there isn't enough space provided, you are welcome to attach an extra sheet of paper.

1. What might be some of the reasons a battered woman would stay with or return to her abusive partner?
2. What kind of special problems might a battered woman who is a lesbian face?
3. Have you ever been physically or sexually assaulted by an intimate partner, acquaintance or stranger?  
If yes, how does that experience effect you now?
4. Have you ever physically or sexually assaulted anyone?
5. How do you handle conflicts with other people?
6. Have you had any experience with an alcohol or drug problems? (Your own, family members, friends, co-workers, etc.) \_\_\_yes \_\_\_ no If yes, how might that effect your work at the shelter?

7. CADA expects mothers to refrain from spanking and verbal abuse of children. What would you do if you witnessed a mother spanking her child?
  
8. Please address this situation. You walk into the dining room where several women are talking, making crude remarks about another woman they suspect to be a lesbian. A white woman overhearing the conversation says, "You black bitches ought to go back to Africa!"
  
9. During a staff meeting, it is mentioned that a resident has asked for a ride because she is not familiar with the Lansing buses. A staff member criticizes the resident for not being resourceful enough to figure out how to use the buses. Please address this situation.
  
10. What do you hope to learn from this volunteer experience?

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