

Scenario

Directions:

Read the following scenario, and then create a safety plan based on Juanita Garcia's situation. Role play one person as the domestic violence advocate and the other person as Juanita .

The domestic violence community advocate is meeting Juanita Garcia for the first time in a public library. Juanita is a 29 year old undocumented immigrant from Mexico and speaks only Spanish. She is currently unemployed; she is a stay-at-home mother of two children: a 10 year old girl, a 8 year old boy. Juanita is expecting her 3rd child and is 5 months pregnant. Marcos Garcia, Juanita's husband is a Mexican-American U.S. citizen and is also her abuser. Juanita admits that Marcos uses physical aggression toward her on a weekly basis but she is too afraid to file an order of protection because she is afraid that the cops will deport her back to Mexico. (Marcos has threatened her that if that if she ever reported his abuse, she would get deported and he would keep the children). Juanita feels isolated and alone, and has no family nearby, no friends or any kind of social support. She does not speak English and feels she has no means of supporting her children. She feels that Marcos's aggression is becoming worse and is also starting to physically abuse the children. She does not know what to do or where to go.