HANDOUT 14.2 CASE CONFERENCE ROLE PLAY

**Background for “Caseworker”**

You have been working with Amina for about 3 months now. She first came to you after her husband threatened to kill both her and himself. You have referred Amina to multiple service providers, including two providers who are in attendance today: a local job skills program that is helping Amina gain skills to work and support herself and her children and a local psychosocial support provider to help Amina process the years of abuse Amina has endured. Amina has expressed that she is having a hard time attending all of her appointments with both providers and that she doesn’t feel like they understand her needs.

**Background for “Survivor”**

You’ve been in an abusive relationship for nearly 7 years now. You married your husband when you were 14 years old and had two children shortly after. After unsuccessfully trying to get help from friends, family, religious leaders and community members, you decided to come to the women’s center for help. You’re scared to go forward with getting services and leaving your husband because you need financial independence. Additionally, you’re having a hard time sleeping at night because of the bad dreams and you generally feel like you have very little energy and don’t have any emotions, happy or sad.

**Background for “Supervisor”**

You’ve been supervising the caseworker for the duration of her/his work with Amina and you want to be here to support her/him and Amina to ensure she’s getting the best services possible. You’ve worked with both providers before and know that sometimes they need a little guidance in remembering how to work with survivors since they work with many women who have had different experiences. You also want to ensure that everyone is being safe in the way they’re working since Amina’s husband is known to be violent and unpredictable in the community.

**Background for “Service Provider”**

You’ve been working with Amina for a few short weeks but she always brings her children to the late afternoon counseling appointments which makes it very hard for you to engage her in any sort of healing therapy. You feel frustrated as a provider.

**Background for “Service Provider”**

You’ve been working with Amina for about a month now on gaining job skills and working with a community of women entrepreneurs. Amina has a hard time making friends with the other women and there seem to be some issues that are coming up among her and others from her village. You suspect it may have to do with her situation, although you don’t know much about what’s going on.