

Shift Questions into Empathy

1. How are you going to stay safe if you keep hanging out there?

2. Why won't you just follow the court order when you know it's just going to cause problems for you if you don't?

3. Are you worried about people knowing about your mental health issues?

4. Are you even going to think about it?

5. Can you understand that doctors and social workers can't respond as quickly as those that work inside the prison... that they may not get back to you right away?

6. How do you plan to stay clean if have no desire to get treatment?

7. What do you think the judge is going to say when they find out...?

8. Do you really think getting in my face and screaming at me is going to get you what you want?

9. Is the reason you're going with Mental Health Court is because you think it's your only option?

10. Why won't you just consider how this process can actually help you?
