

Legislator Visit Role Play - Person A

Scenario I

You have set up a meeting with your House representative. You are meeting him/her for the first time. S/he is a fiscal and social conservative. You are going to try to get this official to support funding for a social work loan repayment program (see briefing paper). The official has less than 10 minutes so you must make your comments pertinent and brief. Answer any questions s/he has for you. Before you leave, try to get his/her commitment to support such a program. End on a positive note if possible.

Scenario II

Act the part of a state representative who is a fiscal and social conservative. As the social worker talks about the issue, ask questions like: Where would the money come from to pay for this? Why do you think I should vote for this? What other groups are going to want the same thing? If the social worker asks you to promise to support some legislation, at first be a little vague. Then either agree to support it or say no.

Scenario III

You are the Observer. Observe the social worker in his/her interaction with the legislator. Be ready to provide constructive feedback to the social worker at the end of the exchange on the following points:

1. Did the social worker engage the legislator?
2. Did the social worker present a clear argument or case?
3. Was the social worker concise and to the point?
4. How did s/he handle any negativity or push-back from the legislator?
5. Did the social worker overtly ask for support?
6. Did the social worker speak about following up with the legislator at a later point in time?
7. Any other observations?

Legislator Visit Role Play - Person B

Scenario I

Act the part of a state representative who is a fiscal and social conservative. As the social worker talks about the issue, ask questions like: Where would the money come from to pay for this? Why do you think I should vote for this? What other groups are going to want the same thing? If the social worker asks you to promise to support some legislation, at first be a little vague. Then either agree to support it or say no.

Scenario II

You are the Observer. Observe the social worker in his/her interaction with the legislator. Be ready to provide constructive feedback to the social worker at the end of the exchange on the following points:

1. Did the social worker engage the legislator?
2. Did the social worker present a clear argument or case?
3. Was the social worker concise and to the point?
4. How did s/he handle any negativity or push-back from the legislator?
5. Did the social worker overtly ask for support?
6. Did the social worker speak about following up with the legislator at a later point in time?
7. Any other observations?

Scenario III

You have set up a meeting with your House representative. You are meeting him/her for the first time. S/he is a fiscal and social conservative. You are going to try to get this official to support funding for the establishment of a social work center for workforce studies (see briefing paper). The official has less than 10 minutes so you must make your comments pertinent and brief. Answer any questions s/he has for you. Before you leave, try to get his/her commitment to support legislation that will establish the center. End on a positive note if possible.

Legislator Visit Role Play - Person C

Scenario I

You are the Observer. Observe the social worker in his/her interaction with the legislator. Be ready to provide constructive feedback to the social worker at the end of the exchange on the following points:

1. Did the social worker engage the legislator?
2. Did the social worker present a clear argument or case?
3. Was the social worker concise and to the point?
4. How did s/he handle any negativity or push-back from the legislator?
5. Did the social worker overtly ask for support?
6. Did the social worker speak about following up with the legislator at a later point in time?
7. Any other observations?

Scenario II

You have set up a meeting with your House representative. You are meeting him/her for the first time. S/he is a fiscal and social conservative. You are going to try to get this official to support funding for higher salaries for social workers in state government, particularly in protective services (see briefing paper). The official has less than 10 minutes so you must make your comments pertinent and brief. Answer any questions s/he has for you. Before you leave, try to get his/her commitment to support funding to increase salaries. End on a positive note if possible.

Scenario III

Act the part of a state representative who is a fiscal and social conservative. As the social worker talks about the issue, ask questions like: Where would the money come from to pay for this? Why do you think I should vote for this? What other groups are going to want the same thing? If the social worker asks you to promise to support some legislation, at first be a little vague. Then either agree to support it or say no.