# Handling Unwanted Advice - Cooperative Planning Workshop

40 minutes | 3-12 people | Adults with trained group facilitation

Rehearse a facilitator response that redirects advice into permission-based support.

## Open with choice - 3 minutes

Explain the purpose, privacy limits, and the option to observe, use fiction, adapt, or pass. Check access needs and group readiness; do not promise absolute confidentiality.

## Meet the fictional case - 4 minutes

A member receives several unsolicited suggestions. Ask what is known, what is assumed, and what the person in the case wants.

## Practice: Planning workshop - 26 minutes

Rehearse a facilitator response that redirects advice into permission-based support. In pairs or small groups, create two possible plans for the fictional case. Compare access, effort, likely tradeoffs, and consent. Choose one reversible trial with a backup and a review point; allow an observing role.

## Reflect and compare - 4 minutes

What response protects agency and connection? Ask what fits, what does not, and what external conditions or supports affect the options. No personal disclosure is required.

## Close and integrate - 3 minutes

Invite an optional observation, support request, or small next step. Passing is welcome. Agree how to revisit questions and seek appropriate help outside the exercise.

## Practice output

A feasible plan with a support, a backup, and a review question.

## Scope and care

Use ordinary or fictional examples, not graphic substance-use stories or cue exposure. No competitive abstinence scoring, forced disclosure, or required pathway. These plans do not manage intoxication, overdose, withdrawal, or medication changes; follow individualized care and appropriate medical assessment.

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