

Money and Inventory Awareness

For Staff

When clients are thinking about items they use every week, suggest common client purchases, such as coffee, cigarettes, soda, vape juice, cereal, etc.

If a client does not buy something every week, a good stand-in for practicing this skill may be their use of something supplied by the program which they make regular use of.

For instance, a program may supply up to a gallon of milk per client per week. How much do they think they drink? How much do they actually drink? How much does a gallon of milk typically cost? Should they be buying their own milk in addition to what the program provides?

Work through the worksheet with them using this substitute. They can track the amount using whichever type of cup they most often use for their milk- have them draw a new line on the milk carton with a sharpie every time they take some milk so that they can see how the level changes over the week.

Another alternative is the client may track their usage of a consumable which does not need to be replaced as often. How much of a bar of soap do they use every week? At that rate, can we figure out how much money they might be spending on soap per month?

If a client attends part 2 of this group, but not part 1, have them complete the part 1 worksheet, and follow up with them about the results next week.

