



Understanding and Being Understood

Do you think people around you understand what it is like to have diabetes?

- Why do you think that?

What frustrates you most about the way people treat you because you have diabetes?

Have you asked those closest to you for help to support your diabetes self-management?

- If yes – what happened?
- If no – why not?

In an ideal world, what would you like to be different about the way those closest to you help you manage your diabetes?

What is the one thing you would prefer they did NOT do?

What is the one thing you would prefer they DID do?

If someone close to you had diabetes:

- How would you feel?
- What would you want to do to support them?
- How do you think you could do that?
- Do you think they would be happy about the way you went about it?

Think of ONE thing that your family do regarding your diabetes that bothers you.

Think of ONE thing that your family do regarding your diabetes that helps you.

How will you turn the things that bother you into things that help you?

What would need to happen for you to feel more supported?