## I-CHOOSE-LIFE!

My Personal Commitment to Myself:

- 1. I agree to value every life, including my own.
- 2. I commit to practicing health activities like:
  - Getting consistent sleep
  - Hanging out with positive people
  - Eating a good balanced diet
  - Getting some form of exercise
  - Avoiding excessive alcohol use and the use of drugs
  - Attending doctor's appointments
  - Taking my medication as directed
- 3. I agree to make a list of 5 safe people and/or organizations (e.g. school counselors, church staff, etc.) that I can seek help from if I feel depressed or are considering taking my life.
- 4. I understand that if I am having the following symptoms, I may be getting depressed:
  - Excessive sleep/inability to sleep
  - Reckless behavior
  - Unusual irritability
  - Wanting to be alone all or most of the time
  - A loss of energy to do things I used to enjoy
  - Feeling worthless or hopeless
  - Excessive use of drugs or alcohol
  - Increased or loss of appetite
- 5. I commit to talk with my friends or family if I see these symptoms in them.
- 6. I commit to listen to my friends or parents if they tell me that they see these symptoms in me.
- 7. I understand that if I use Alcohol or illegal drugs, I may act in ways that are less rational and more impulsive.
- 8. I recognize that if I or someone I know is thinking about suicide or taking their life, that this is a sign that professional help is needed.
- 9. I understand that the national suicide hotline is 1.800.273.8255 or text "go" to 741-741.
- 10. I understand that Tri-County's 24/7 Crisis Hotline is 1.800.659.6994.

By signing this form, I am committing to choose life if I ever have thoughts of suicide.

SIGNED BY:\_\_\_\_\_

I will Choose Life, because Suicide is Never an Option!

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**Caregiver Commitment Sheet** 

## Commitments:

- 1. I understand that I may be scared or uncertain of what to do if my child/friend/family tells me they are thinking about taking their life; however I commit to not keeping this a secret and getting my child/friend immediate help.
- 2. I commit to taking these concerns very seriously and I will not wait to get them help.
- 3. I commit to reacting calmly, without judgment, and in a way that encourages my child/friend to share their feelings.
- 4. I commit to seek immediate help from emergency response by calling 911 if someone is actively trying to hurt themselves.
- 5. I commit to assist my child/friend in seeking professional help if they are considering hurting themselves.
- 6. I recognize that if I or someone I know is thinking about suicide or taking their life, that this is a sign that professional help is needed.
- 7. I will help my child/friend to remain safe while they are seeking help.
- 8. I understand that the national suicide hotline is 1.800.273.8255 <u>or</u> text "go" to 741-741.
- 9. I understand that Tri-County's 24/7 Crisis Hotline is 1.800.659.6994.

By signing this form, <u>I am committing to help them choose life</u> if they tell me they are having thoughts of hurting themselves.

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_

I <u>will</u> help them Choose Life, because Suicide is <u>Never an Option</u>!