### SUICIDE RISK SCREENING PROCESS

This **Suicide Protocol and Forms** document is intended to be used as a reference for PSU/LEAs as local policies are developed. All policies should be reviewed by LEA executives, local school boards, and legal counsel to ensure all protocols and policies are in accordance with existing local policies and all relevant laws.

Additional resources related to the formation of a Suicide Risk Screening Protocol:

- Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)
- Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)
- School-Based Behavioral Threat Assessment & Management: Best Practices Guide For SC K-12 Schools
- Preventing Suicide: The Role of High School Teachers Issue Brief

#### Emergency crisis response resources:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- National Hopeline Network: 1-800-SUICIDE (800-784-2433)
- Crisis Text Line: Text "DESERVE" TO 741-741
- <u>Lifeline Crisis Chat (Online live messaging)</u>
- Self-Harm Hotline: 1-800-DONT CUT (1-800-366-8288)
- Suicide Prevention Wiki

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- TAKE SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR SERIOUSLY EVERYTIME
- NO STUDENT EXPRESSING SUICIDAL THOUGHTS SHOULD BE SENT HOME ALONE OR LEFT ALONE DURING THE SCREENING PROCESS.
- IF THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE A STUDENT HAS THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID SENDING THE STUDENT HOME TO AN EMPTY HOUSE.
- The **risk of suicide** is raised when any peer, teacher, or other school employee identifies someone as potentially suicidal because s/he has directly or indirectly expressed suicidal thought (ideation) or demonstrated other warning signs. If a student is having thoughts of suicide, there is suicide risk.
- If imminent danger exists, phone 911 or the School Resource Officer immediately and then contact {School District Crisis Contact} for crisis support. This is especially important if the student of concern has skipped school altogether or left the campus and a plan to attempt suicide is discovered.

If imminent danger is *not* present but a concern about suicide risk exists, the school counselor, school social worker, or school psychologist initiates the screening process.

## **Screening Process**

- 1. The school staff person who identified the student at risk stays with the student in a quiet, private setting to provide supervision and appropriate support until a school counselor, school social worker, or school psychologist meets with the student.
  - a. If a student makes a suicidal threat directly to an SRO he or she has the discretion to transport the student to the hospital and/or follow any other law enforcement protocol. If this occurs, obtain a signed release to obtain information from the hospital. If necessary continue the assessment process when the student returns to school if he/she has not been assessed by medical staff.
- 2. Use the <u>Suicide Risk Assessment Checklist</u>. Complete first 2 questions of the Suicide Risk Assessment Checklist with all students who have shown signs of suicidial ideation.
  - a. If **NO** to question 1 and 2 and you deem the student is **NO** risk and confidentiality isn't broken, keep documentation that protocol was started and schedule a check-in with the student within the next school week.
  - b. If **YES** to 1 and **NO** to 2 skip down to questions 7-28 and call {School District Crisis Contact} to see if further action should take place.
  - c. If **YES** to question 2, complete questions 3 6.
    - i. If **NO** to all questions 3 6 risk is determined as **LOW** complete all steps of the low risk assessment as well as <u>Coping Plan</u> and complete {School District Documentation} so that {School District Crisis Contact} has documentation.
    - ii. If **YES** to any question 3-6 {School District Crisis Contact} for consultation to identify risk level and develop a Coping Plan. While crisis support is on the way complete questions 7-28 and crisis support will assist with completion of suicide assessment.
- 3. School personnel completing the assessment will make a determination of risk level with the support of a {School District Crisis Contact}
- 4. Complete necessary steps based on moderate or high risk levels on page 6.
- 5. Parents/guardians must be notified no matter what level of risk. Complete <u>Parent notification letter</u> and keep copy of SIGNED letter for the student's file. If parents are unable to come in and sign, review parent letter verbally over the phone with another school staff person present and send parent letter and a copy of <u>Coping Plan</u> with student.
- 6. Complete Coping Plan with student. Inform parents a Coping Plan has been completed.
- 7. Refer to outpatient provider if needed.
- 8. Complete {School District Documentation}
- 9. Provide a Handle with Care Notice to School Administrator.
- 10. Complete Support Plan with {School District Crisis Contact} team if deemed necessary.

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|                                        | Suicide Risk Assessment Checklist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                    |                                                    |
| Stu                                    | dent: Date: Time:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                    |                                                    |
| Paı                                    | rent/Guardian: Contact Number:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                    |                                                    |
| Ris                                    | k Assessors (individuals conducting risk assessment):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                    |                                                    |
| Ref                                    | erral Source (who referred the individual for risk assessment):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                    |                                                    |
| Rea                                    | ason for Assessment: (Describe the cause for concern to include specific behaviors/comments heard or reported)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                    |                                                    |
| nor<br>enc<br>fea<br>ind<br>ind<br>err | ifirst portion of this document is to be completed with the referred individual in a private intervieully independental support for the individual and their reported feelings, perceptions, and thoughts. The information to better understand the individual's current intent, it is is plan to harm self.—Regardless of specific responses, DIRECT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES is relividual is believed to be at imminent risk of harming self and/or others until the student is released in its pursue immediate mental health assessment or law enforcement intervention. Professional distribution on the side of caution.  icide Ideation Definition and Prompts a questions that are bolded and underlined. | ntervie<br>deation<br>quired<br>to app<br>iscretio | wer is<br>n, and<br>I if the<br>proved<br>on is to |
| ASI                                    | t questions that are policed and underlined.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Past N                                             | /iontn                                             |
| As                                     | k Question 1 and 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes                                                | No                                                 |
| 1.                                     | Wish to be Dead:  Person endorses thoughts about a wish to be dead or not alive anymore, or wish to fall asleep and not wake up.  Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                    |                                                    |
| 2.                                     | Suicidal Thoughts:  General non-specific thoughts of wanting to end one's life/commit suicide, "I've thought about killing myself" without general thoughts of ways to kill oneself/associated methods, intent, or plan.  Have you actually had any thoughts of killing yourself?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                    |                                                    |

If YES to 2 ask questions 3, 4, 5, and 6. If NO to 2, go directly to question 6.

| Stı                                                                                                                                                            | udent:                                                                                                                                                         | School:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Grade:                                                                                                                                 | DOB:     |        |        |  |
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| If                                                                                                                                                             | YES t                                                                                                                                                          | o 2 ask questions 3, 4, 5, and 6. If NO                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | to 2, go directly to question 6.                                                                                                       |          | Yes    | No     |  |
| 3.                                                                                                                                                             | Person<br>differe                                                                                                                                              | dal Thoughts with Method (without Specific Plans) nendorses thoughts of suicide and has thought of at least than a specific plan with time, place, or method denever made a specific plan as to when, where, or how I t."  Have you been thinking about here. | east one method during the assessment perional stails worked out. "I thought about taking an would actually do it and I would never go | overdose |        |        |  |
| 4.                                                                                                                                                             | Active                                                                                                                                                         | dal Intent (without Specific Plan): e suicidal thoughts of killing oneself and patient reports ed to "I have the thoughts but I definitely will not do a  Have you had these thoughts and had                                                                 | nything about them."                                                                                                                   | , as     |        |        |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                        |          |        |        |  |
| 5.                                                                                                                                                             | Suicide Intent with Specific Plan:  Thoughts of killing oneself with details of plan fully or partially worked out and person has some intent to carry it out. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                        |          |        |        |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                | Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself?  Do you intend to carry out this plan?                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                        |          |        |        |  |
| 6.                                                                                                                                                             | Suicio                                                                                                                                                         | de Behavior Question:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                        |          |        |        |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                | Have you ever done anything, start                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | and to do anything or propared                                                                                                         |          |        |        |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                | to do anything to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                        |          |        |        |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                | didn't                                                                                                                                                         | oles: Collected pills, obtained a gun, gave away valuab<br>swallow any, held a gun but changed your mind or it v<br>jump; or actually took pills, tried to shoot yourself, cut                                                                                | les, wrote a will or suicide note, took out pills<br>vas grabbed from your hand, went to the roc                                       |          |        |        |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                | If YES, ask: <u>How long ago di</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | d you do any of these?                                                                                                                 |          |        |        |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                | Over o                                                                                                                                                         | a year ago? Between three months and a year ago? W                                                                                                                                                                                                            | ithin the last three months?                                                                                                           |          |        |        |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                | Explain:                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                        |          |        |        |  |
| If yes to any questions 3 - 6 call {School District Crisis Contact} immediately for crisis assistance to staff the case and then continue with questions 7-28. |                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                        |          |        |        |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                | Face to Face Assistance Requested                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Staffed Case Over the Phone                                                                                                            |          |        |        |  |
| If you have not been able to speak directly with {School District Crisis Contact} after 15 minutes, please {School District Crisis Contact Supervisor}         |                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                        |          |        | all:   |  |

Based on The Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc., 2008. Adapted from the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (CSSRS).

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| Additional Categories       |                          | Assessment Questions                                                                                                                                          |  |  | ? |
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| Changes in<br>Mood/Behavior | Nood/Behavior / Specify: |                                                                                                                                                               |  |  |   |
|                             | 8.                       | Demonstrated abrupt changes in behaviors? (e.g. eating, sleeping, decline in school performance, quit club/sports activities, gave away personal possessions) |  |  |   |
|                             | 9.                       | Demonstrated recent, dramatic changes in mood? (e.g., change from depression to contentment, happiness to depression, etc.)                                   |  |  |   |
|                             | 10.                      | Experiencing emotional pain that feel unbearable? (e.g., desperate for relief from pain, willing to do anything to stop the pain, etc.)                       |  |  |   |
| Stressors                   | 11.                      | Had a personal connection to, or identified with, someone who committed suicide?<br>Who:                                                                      |  |  |   |
|                             | 12.                      | Had a recent death of a loved one or a significant loss? (i.e. breakup of a romantic relationship)                                                            |  |  |   |
|                             | 13a.                     | Experienced a <u>new</u> trauma/stressor? Specify: What:                                                                                                      |  |  |   |
|                             | 13b.                     | Experienced a <u>chronic</u> /ongoing stressor? (feelings of loneliness, life stress ) Specify:                                                               |  |  |   |
|                             | 14.                      | Experienced a significant health concern? (self or other) Specify:                                                                                            |  |  |   |
|                             | 15.                      | Experienced abuse or victimization? Specify:                                                                                                                  |  |  |   |
| Mental Illness              | 16.                      | Has a history of mental illness? (i.e., depression, conduct, or anxiety) Specify:                                                                             |  |  |   |
|                             | 17.                      | Currently in counseling? (If student is in counseling you must inform their therapist of ideations.) With whom:                                               |  |  |   |
| Substance Use               | 18.                      | Has a history of substance abuse? Specify:                                                                                                                    |  |  |   |
| Protective<br>Factors       | 19.                      | Has a support system of family, friends, or pets?<br>Specify:                                                                                                 |  |  |   |
|                             | 20.                      | Has a sense of purpose in his/her life? (commitments, plans, etc.) Specify:                                                                                   |  |  |   |
|                             | 21.                      | Readily names plans for the future/indicates a reason to live?  Specify:                                                                                      |  |  |   |
|                             | 22.                      | Who would the individual want to stop him/her if he/she had a plan? Specify:                                                                                  |  |  |   |
|                             | 23.                      | Who would be hurt if the plan was carried out? (family, friends, pet, etc.) Specify:                                                                          |  |  |   |
|                             | 24.                      | What happens to people who die? (religion/spiritual beliefs) Response:                                                                                        |  |  |   |
|                             | 25.                      | What happens to people who die by suicide? (religion/spiritual beliefs) Response:                                                                             |  |  |   |

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| Personal | 26. | Engages in risky behavior? Specify:                                   |                           |                      |             |             | _ |
| Factors  | 27. | Impulsive acting-out? (quickly escalates Specify:                     | conflict, flees/ru        | ıns away, etc.)      |             |             |   |
|          | 28. | Affect: □ Calm □ Elated □ Labile  Behavior: □ Cooperative □ Withdrawn | ☐ Irritable<br>☐ Avoidant | ☐ Enraged☐ Defensive | ☐ Depressed | /Despondent |   |

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|                                                                                    |                                                                                             | ssessment Results                                                                                                                               |                                                 |                                                      |
| thoughts of suicide o                                                              | only in the past; history of dep                                                            | elf; insufficient evidence for su<br>pression; no previous attempts<br>/substance abuse; positive co                                            | s; no plan; no access to                        | o weapons or means; no                               |
| Required Actions:                                                                  |                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                      |
| Parent called and                                                                  | briefed on the process and give                                                             | ven the <u>Suicide Risk Assessmen</u>                                                                                                           | nt – Parent/Guardian No                         | <u>otice</u>                                         |
| Parent:                                                                            |                                                                                             | Date:                                                                                                                                           | Time:                                           |                                                      |
| Complete Coping                                                                    | plan                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                      |
| Complete (Scho                                                                     | ool District Crisis Document                                                                | ation}                                                                                                                                          |                                                 |                                                      |
| As Needed Actions                                                                  | : (Check all that apply)                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                      |
| Reassure and sup                                                                   | ervise student.                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                      |
| Assist with conne                                                                  | ecting with school and commun                                                               | nity resources.                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                      |
| Child released to                                                                  | parent custody for parent follo                                                             | ow-up or routine after-school t                                                                                                                 | ransportation.                                  |                                                      |
| Distribute "Handl                                                                  | e with Care" Notice to all staff                                                            | involved.                                                                                                                                       |                                                 |                                                      |
| Other factors:                                                                     |                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                      |
|                                                                                    |                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                      |
| but is deemed to be and/or lack of protect referred to an output Required Actions: | at elevated risk of harming hi<br>tive factors. A <u>Coping Plan</u> sho<br>tient provider. | viable plan of self-harm (i.e., la<br>m/herself due to current stres<br>ould be completed with the in<br>ven the <u>Suicide Risk Assessme</u> n | ssors, personal and/or<br>dividual and guardian | environmental variables,<br>and individual should be |
| Parent:                                                                            |                                                                                             | Date:                                                                                                                                           | Time:                                           |                                                      |
| Complete Coping                                                                    | plan                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                      |
| Reassure and sup                                                                   | ervise student.                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                      |
| Distribute "Handle                                                                 | e with Care" Notice to all staff                                                            | involved.                                                                                                                                       |                                                 |                                                      |
| Release student o                                                                  | only to: Name:                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                 | Time:                                           |                                                      |
| Parent/guard                                                                       | ian committed to scheduling a                                                               | mental health assessment.                                                                                                                       |                                                 |                                                      |
| Law enforcen                                                                       | nent/SRO with parental permis                                                               | ssion (document all actions)                                                                                                                    |                                                 |                                                      |
| DSS                                                                                |                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                      |
| Ambulance tr                                                                       | ransport requested by parents                                                               |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                      |
| Complete {School                                                                   | ol District Crisis Documenta                                                                | tion}                                                                                                                                           |                                                 |                                                      |
| Supervise student The school reques                                                |                                                                                             | om).<br>or mental health professional's                                                                                                         | assessment.                                     |                                                      |
| Complete Suppor                                                                    |                                                                                             | orvices                                                                                                                                         |                                                 |                                                      |
| Other factors:                                                                     | formation for mental health se                                                              | ervices.                                                                                                                                        |                                                 |                                                      |
| OTHER IMPORT                                                                       |                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                      |

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|                                                             |                                                                                                                                      |                                              |                                           |                                                               |
| suicide; current sense of ho<br>abuse; mental health histor | ent danger to self with a viable<br>pelessness; previous attempts;<br>ry; precipitating events, such<br>an immediate mental health a | access to weapons or as loss of loved one, t | means; weak support raumatic event, or fe | system; alcohol/substance elings of victimization. <i>The</i> |
| <b>Required Actions:</b>                                    |                                                                                                                                      |                                              |                                           |                                                               |
| Parent called and briefer                                   | d on the process and given the                                                                                                       | Suicide Risk Assessmer                       | nt – Parent/Guardian                      | <u>Notice</u>                                                 |
| Parent:                                                     |                                                                                                                                      | Date:                                        | Time:                                     |                                                               |
| Secure/remove weapon                                        | (s) or item(s) mentioned in the                                                                                                      | student's plan.                              |                                           |                                                               |
| Supervise student at all                                    | times (including restroom).                                                                                                          |                                              |                                           |                                                               |
| Release student only to:                                    | Name:                                                                                                                                |                                              | Time:                                     |                                                               |
| Parent/guardian cor                                         | nmitted to seeking immediate                                                                                                         | mental health assessm                        | ient.                                     |                                                               |
| Law enforcement/S                                           | RO with parental permission (d                                                                                                       | ocument all actions)                         |                                           |                                                               |
| DSS                                                         |                                                                                                                                      |                                              |                                           |                                                               |
| Ambulance transpor                                          | rt requested by: parents, schoo                                                                                                      | l, unable to contact pa                      | rent.                                     |                                                               |
| The school requests the related to the child's ret          | results from a physician or me<br>urn to school.                                                                                     | ntal health professiona                      | l's assessment and ar                     | y recommendations                                             |
| Complete (School Dist                                       | rict Crisis Documentation}                                                                                                           |                                              |                                           |                                                               |
| Distribute "Handle with                                     | Care" Notice to all staff involve                                                                                                    | ed.                                          |                                           |                                                               |
| Complete Support Plan                                       |                                                                                                                                      |                                              |                                           |                                                               |
| Other Factors:                                              |                                                                                                                                      |                                              |                                           |                                                               |
| As Needed Actions : (Che                                    | ck all that apply)                                                                                                                   |                                              |                                           |                                                               |
| Sign Release of Informat                                    | ion for mental health services.                                                                                                      |                                              | _                                         |                                                               |

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**Insert LEA Release of Information Here** 

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|                    | Coping Plan                                            |                           |          |
| Step 1: War        | ning signs/Triggers                                    |                           |          |
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|                    |                                                        |                           |          |
| Step 2: "By        | myself" Coping Tools: Things I can do to take my       | mind off my problems      |          |
|                    |                                                        |                           |          |
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|                    |                                                        |                           |          |
|                    | ple and places that I can go to who/which will di      | stract me, to make me fee | l better |
| At School:<br>Who: |                                                        |                           |          |
| Where:             |                                                        |                           |          |
| At Home:           |                                                        |                           |          |
| Who:               |                                                        |                           |          |
| Where:             |                                                        |                           |          |
| -                  | ple who care about me and who I can ask for he         | lp                        |          |
|                    | tudent names should NOT be listed*                     |                           |          |
| Name               | Relationship                                           | Contact Inform            | nation   |
|                    |                                                        |                           |          |
|                    |                                                        |                           |          |
| Step 5: Rea        | sons to Live                                           |                           |          |
|                    |                                                        |                           |          |
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|                    |                                                        |                           |          |
| Sten 6: Safe       | ty resources if you need help right away-              |                           |          |
| 1. Call 9          |                                                        |                           |          |
|                    | <br>artners Crisis Line 1-888-235-4673 {Local Crisis L | ine/LME contact}          |          |
|                    | nal Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255      | •                         |          |
| 4. Natio           | nal Suicide Prevention Lifeline TEXT "help" to 741     | ./41                      |          |
| Student Sig        | nature:                                                | Date:                     |          |
|                    |                                                        |                           |          |
| Staff Signat       | ure:                                                   | Date:                     |          |

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|                                             | Suicide Risk Assessment – Paren                                                                                             | t/Guardian Notice                   |                      |  |  |  |  |
|                                             | formed that my child has been expressing suicidal the upport my child. I understand that I have a part in kee               | _                                   | are concerned        |  |  |  |  |
| I have been ac                              | lvised to:                                                                                                                  |                                     |                      |  |  |  |  |
| Provide                                     | increased supervision for my child and safety-proof n                                                                       | ny home.                            |                      |  |  |  |  |
|                                             | w my child to be left alone at this time or allow them<br>ous items.                                                        | access to weapons, drugs, me        | dications, or other  |  |  |  |  |
| I have b                                    | een advised to take my child to receive a clinical asse                                                                     | ssment as soon as possible.         |                      |  |  |  |  |
| I have b                                    | I have been advised to immediately take my child to the hospital to be evaluated.                                           |                                     |                      |  |  |  |  |
| Help the                                    | Help the school staff create a Coping Plan for my child to be used at school.                                               |                                     |                      |  |  |  |  |
| Share w                                     | Share with the school the names of other professionals helping my child.                                                    |                                     |                      |  |  |  |  |
|                                             | elease of information form so that school staff and ot                                                                      | her professionals may share in      | formation to benefit |  |  |  |  |
| my child                                    | l.                                                                                                                          |                                     |                      |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Agreement:</b> <i>Note: intervention</i> | ns required to help ensure safety in the school environment may i                                                           | be implemented regardless of agreen | nent                 |  |  |  |  |
| I agree t                                   | to follow the recommendations of {School District} upon the my expense, unless otherwise identified through the my expense. | nderstanding that fulfilling tho    |                      |  |  |  |  |
| I accept                                    | the recommendations of {School District} with the fo                                                                        | llowing exceptions:                 |                      |  |  |  |  |
|                                             |                                                                                                                             |                                     |                      |  |  |  |  |
| I do not                                    | agree to follow the recommendations of {School Dist                                                                         | :rict}.                             |                      |  |  |  |  |
| In case of eme                              | ergency, I should:                                                                                                          |                                     |                      |  |  |  |  |
|                                             | Call 911.                                                                                                                   |                                     |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 2.                                          |                                                                                                                             |                                     |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 3.<br>4.                                    |                                                                                                                             | ,                                   |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 5.                                          | •                                                                                                                           |                                     |                      |  |  |  |  |
| 6.                                          |                                                                                                                             |                                     |                      |  |  |  |  |
| Parent Signati                              | ure Scho                                                                                                                    | pol Staff Signature                 |                      |  |  |  |  |
| Date                                        | Date                                                                                                                        | 2                                   |                      |  |  |  |  |

**{School District Crisis Contact & Supervisor Information}** 

| Student:                         | School:                                            |                          | Grade:              | DOB:                |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| If the student has a BIP. 50     | Support  4, IEP, or other regularly reviewed plan, |                          | as part of the exis | tina plan.          |
| School Support Options           | ,,,,                                               |                          | Date:               |                     |
| Check-ins: Dai                   | ly Weekly With:                                    |                          | Student             | will seek out the   |
| Designated safe place at so      | chool:                                             |                          | following<br>—      | g school staff:     |
| Increase supervision in the      | following settings:                                |                          | 1                   |                     |
| Decrease or eliminate pass       | s time or unsupervised time                        |                          | 2                   |                     |
| Check for safety of persona      | al belongings/spaces                               |                          | 3                   |                     |
| Person responsible:              |                                                    | Time:                    |                     |                     |
| Late arrival/Early Dismissa      | Distribute "Handle w                               | vith Care" notice to all | staff involve       | d                   |
| Other schedule changes:          |                                                    |                          | _                   |                     |
| Other Accommodations:            |                                                    |                          | _                   |                     |
| Family/Home Options              |                                                    |                          |                     |                     |
| Removal of dangerous obj         | ects from the home:                                |                          |                     |                     |
| Increase supervision:            |                                                    |                          |                     |                     |
| Pursue mental health servi       | ices:                                              |                          |                     |                     |
| Permission                       | Agency/Indivi                                      | dual                     |                     | Contact Information |
| Permission to Release Info       | rmation to:                                        |                          |                     |                     |
|                                  |                                                    |                          |                     |                     |
| Student returned to schoo        | I with written note by autho                       | rized provider.          |                     |                     |
| {School District} Crisis Support | •                                                  | •                        | weeks)              |                     |
|                                  | will review the status of th                       | nis plan on (date)       |                     | to determine:       |
| discontinue plan                 | revise plan (use new f                             | form)                    | continue pla        | n                   |
| Comments                         |                                                    |                          |                     |                     |
|                                  |                                                    |                          |                     |                     |
| Student Signature:               |                                                    |                          |                     | Date:               |
| Parent Signature:                |                                                    |                          |                     | Date:               |
| Form Completed by:               |                                                    | Position:                |                     | Date:               |
| Other Participant Signature:     |                                                    | Position:                |                     | Date:               |
| Copies to: Parent/Guard          | dian Student                                       | Administrator            | School Cou          | nselor Crisis Team  |

| School: Grade: DOB: |
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# Tips for Keeping Your Child Safe

Risk factors for exhibiting suicidal behavior:

- · Loss of significant other
- · Problems at school
- Family and personal stress
- Substance abuse

- Depression and other mental health issues
- Previous suicide of peer or family member
- Access to weapons / means of harming self
- Questions regarding sexual orientation

Students who are having suicidal thoughts may exhibit a variety of symptoms including, but not limited to:

- Significant changes in behavior such as changes in appearance, in grades, in eating or sleeping habits, or withdrawing from friends.
- Making suicidal threats either direct "I want to die" or indirect "things would be better if I weren't here."
- Appears sad or hopeless
- Reckless behavior
- Self-inflicted injuries
- Giving away prized possessions
- Saying goodbye to friends and family
- Making out a will

It is important to remember the signs and risk factors listed are generalities. Not all students who contemplate or die by suicide will exhibit these kinds of symptoms AND not all students who exhibit these behaviors are suicidal.

#### WHAT CAN I DO TO KEEP MY CHILD SAFE?

- **ASK.** Talking about suicide does not make a student suicidal. Asking if someone is having suicidal thoughts gives him/her permission to talk about it. Asking sends the message that you are concerned and want to help.
- **TAKE SIGNS SERIOUSLY.** Studies have found that more than 75% of people who die by suicide showed some of the warning signs in the weeks or months prior to their death.
- GET HELP. If you have concerns that your child is suicidal, seek immediate help from a mental health practitioner.
   Suicidal students need to be evaluated by an expert in assessing risk and developing treatment plans. Parents can contact school psychologists, or school counselors for a listing of resources. Parents may also want to consult with their insurance company to obtain a list of mental health providers covered by their policy. When you call to make an appointment, tell the person on the phone that your child is suicidal and needs to be seen as soon as possible.
- LIMIT ACCESS TO WEAPONS, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, MEDICATION, AND OTHER MEANS.
- **DO NOT LEAVE HIM OR HER ALONE.** It is important that parents surround themselves with a team of supportive friends or family members who can stop in and help as needed.
- REASSURE YOUR CHILD THAT LIFE CAN GET BETTER. Many suicidal people have lost all hope that life can improve.
   They may have difficulty problem solving even simple issues. Remind your child that no matter how bad things are, the problem can be worked out. Offer your help.
- **LISTEN.** Avoid making statements such as "I know what it's like" or "I understand". Instead make statements such as "Help me understand what life is like for you right now."

#### KNOW AND BE READY TO USE EMERGENCY RESOURCES (such as):

Partners Crisis Line 1-888-235-4673 {Local Crisis Line/LME contact}

Police/Emergency Medical Care 911

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1800-273-8255 1-800-273-TALK

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline TEXT "help" to 741741

For more information about depression and suicide.

American Association of Suicidology www.suicidology.org

Mental Health America <u>www.nmha.org</u>

American Academy of Pediatrics www.aap.org