The American Association of Suicidology is seeking the participation of your child on the Youth Advisory Board for the National Center for the Prevention of Youth Suicide (NCPYS). The NCPYS was launched in 2010 and has begun work to reduce the number of suicides and suicide attempts among youth and young adults. Our objectives include targeting youth known to be at higher risk; leading an effort to promote resilience of all youth; disseminating the warning signs of suicide; and increasing the use of effective suicide prevention practices among youth-serving clinical and other caregivers.

We would like to invite your child to participate on the Youth Advisory Board of the NCPYS based on his/her interest and his/her age as a youth representative. NCPYS requires your written consent, as your child is under age 18. We request that you read this and ask any questions you may have before consenting to allow your child to participate.

The purpose of the Youth Advisory Board is to advise the NCPYS about general program development and specific educational publications. It is important to include the perspective of our audience, so we are seeking youth feedback. If you and your child agree to his/her participation, he/she will meet with the Youth Advisory Board by conference call or webinar 4 times a year. He/she will review educational materials a few times throughout the year by responding to surveys. These reviews will take less than 15 minutes to complete and he/she can answer any, all, or none of the questions. Your child’s responses to surveys will be kept confidential. As a member of the Youth Advisory Board, he/she will work directly with AAS staff via phone, email, and web. A job description is attached.

NCPYS does not anticipate risk in participating on the Youth Advisory Board. Reading about suicide prevention should not have harmful effects, and NCPYS materials will follow safe messaging guidelines. Similar information is widely available to youth who don’t serve on the Youth Advisory Board. We are pleased to answer questions concerning material that will be discussed. If you decide to consent to allow your child to participate on the Advisory Board, you and/or your child may change your mind, and your child may withdraw at any time without penalty.

Amy Kulp is the Director of the NCPYS and will oversee meetings and surveys. You may contact her if you have questions at any time (ajkulp@suicidology.org or 202-237-2280).

Our work in youth suicide prevention is important! We appreciate your consideration in supporting our efforts.

Please check one:
- [ ] I have read and understand the above information and DO wish to consent to my child’s participation as a NCPYS Youth Advisory Board member.
- [ ] I have read and understand the above information, and do NOT wish to consent to my child’s participation as a NCPYS Youth Advisory Board member.

Print Name ___________________________ Student’s Name ___________________________
Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Please mail completed form to AAS 5221 Wisconsin Ave. NW Washington DC 20015

Thank you for your help!