Student Consent Form

The American Association of Suicidology is seeking your help to build 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 you to participate on the Youth Advisory Board of the NCPYS. You were selected as a possible participant because of your expressed interest and your age as a youth representative. We request that you read this and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to participate. In addition, for youth under age 18, NCPYS requires parental or legal guardian consent.

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 agree to participate, you will meet with the Youth Advisory Board by conference call or webinar 4 times a year. You 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 you can answer any, all, or none of the questions. Your responses to surveys will be kept confidential. As a member of the Youth Advisory Board you 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 any questions you have concerning the material that will be discussed. If you decide to participate on the Advisory Board, you may change your mind and 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.