

Take the Pledge

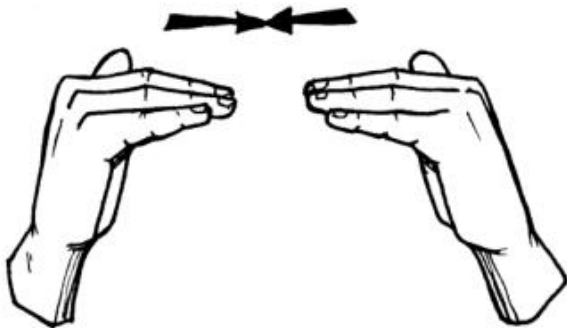
Disability Awareness/People First Language Pledge

I PLEDGE:

- To **ADVOCATE** for and accept my responsibility to be respectful to the individuals I work with and for.



- To **RESPECT** and treat all individuals equally



- To **CALL** each person by their name and refer to them as “INDIVIDUALS” and stop using the word “CLIENT”.



- To SUPPORT self-advocacy and stand up for individuals' human rights.



- To be an advocate for “No More R Word” in my workplace and everywhere I go.



- To ASSIST each person that I work with to make their own choices, be part of a community of their choice, and feel accepted to be themselves.



- To USE “People First Language”, which means seeing the person, NOT the disability, and using words and terms that are easier for people to understand.



- To be an AMBASSADOR for Self-Advocates, to Speak up for “People First Language”, and to be the voice for change that makes peoples’ lives happen!



- To the best of my ability I solemnly swear to live by this pledge.



Name: _____

Date: _____