

Take the Pledge

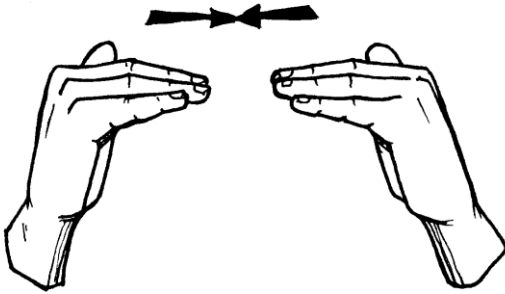
Disability Awareness/People First Language Pledge

I PLEDGE:

- To advocate 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/PEOPLE" 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 work place and everywhere I go.



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



- I will use People First Language, which means seeing THE person NOT the disability, using words and terms that are easier for people to understand.



- To be an ambassador for self-advocates, speak up for people first language, and 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: _____