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**MI/SP Caller Initial Script**  
**Telephone Script for Obtaining Client’s Approval for Research Re-contact**

“Before we hang up, I’d like to describe a telephone research survey that is being conducted with people who receive follow-up from a crisis line. The reason for doing the interview is to find out how people are doing in the weeks after we talked to them and to see if crisis centers are providing effective services to their clients. Our center is working with researchers at Columbia University to do this telephone assessment. For purposes of consent, the study has to be limited to people who are 18 years of age or older.”

**1) Are you 18 years of age or older?     Yes (18 years or older)     No (younger than 18 years)**

**IF CLIENT IS YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE, PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST PERMISSION FOR RE-CONTACT**

“Right now, we would just like to find out whether it is okay for the research/evaluation team from Columbia University to call you to tell you more about the study. They would be calling you about 6 weeks past the time you were referred to us for follow-up. Do you think it would be okay for someone from Columbia University to call you to see if you might be interested in participating in the telephone research survey? *Only some clients will be re-contacted for the survey. The selection of the clients will be random (like flipping a coin) and has nothing to do with you personally.* If they call you they will give you all the details about the research. While they need your name to call you back, your name will not be connected to any of your answers on the survey or any reports that come out of the evaluation project. The survey will take about 30 to 40 minutes and you will be paid \$50 for helping with this evaluation.”

**PLEASE FILL IN BLANKS AND CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES:**

**2) Client’s Gender:**     Male     Female     Unknown

**3) Client’s Age:** \_\_\_\_\_     Unknown

**4) Date of Client’s Referral for Follow-up:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy)

**5) Client was referred for follow-up subsequent to: (please choose one)**

Suicidal hotline call     ED discharge     Inpatient discharge     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**6) *For hotline callers only:* Line called:**     Lifeline (NSPL)     Local/other line

**7) Date of Follow-up Call during which request was made:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy)

**8)     Client Agreed     Client Refused**

**9)** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Asking for/Obtaining Approval

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Person Asking for/Obtaining Approval

**ONLY PROVIDE NAME AND REMAINING INFORMATION BELOW IF CLIENT HAS AGREED:**

10) Client's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Details for Columbia's Call:**

11) Telephone number for Columbia's call: (\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

12) Best days &amp; times to call: \_\_\_\_\_

13) "The telephone number you gave me, is it for a cell phone?"  Yes  No

14) Alternate telephone number for Columbia's call: (\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

15) Best days &amp; times to call: \_\_\_\_\_

16) Caller ID?  Yes  No (If "No," skip to question 17.)IF YES: 16a) "Should they block their identity when they call you?"  Yes  No17) Do you have voicemail or an answering machine?  Yes  No (If "No," skip to question 18.)

IF YES:

17a) If you're not at home when Columbia University calls, is it okay for them to leave a message on your answering machine? They could say, "This is Columbia University calling to see if you'd be interested in participating in a telephone survey," or they could leave a different message.

 Do Not Leave Message Leave Columbia Message Leave Different Message: (If "Yes," write down exact message to be left:)\_\_\_\_\_  
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18) If someone else answers when Columbia University calls, is it okay for them to leave a message with the person who answers the phone? If you wanted them to leave a message, they could say, "This is Columbia University calling to see if you'd be interested in participating in a telephone survey," or they could leave a different message.

 Do Not Leave Message Leave Columbia Message Leave Different Message: (If "Yes," write down exact message to be left:)\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_PLEASE CHECK that you have answered  
Questions 1-9 for callers who have REFUSED re-contact permission, and  
Questions 1-18 for callers who have GIVEN re-contact permission.**THANK YOU!**  
**WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR COLLABORATION ON THIS PROJECT.**