HANDOUT 1 Healthy Relationships

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 \star Put a check mark (\checkmark) next to any statement that you believe.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BELIEFS

- 1. Seek understanding and solutions, not blame.
- 2. In a healthy close relationship, anything can be talked about.
- 3. The best way to change a relationship is by changing my behavior.
- 4. Creating good relationships is a skill to learn, just like playing a sport.
- 5. While losing a relationship may be painful, I can mourn and move on.
- 6. It is better to be alone than in a bad relationship.
- 7. A good relationship requires effort but is worth it.
- 8. I need relationships in which both people's needs are respected.
- 9. I need to cultivate relationships with a few people who really matter.
- 10. With recovery, I can respect myself more and others will too.
- 11. Acceptance is the basis of healthy relationships.

UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BELIEFS

- 1. I am always wrong; the other person is always right.
- 2. I should hide what I really think and feel.
- 3. The other person has to change.
- 4. Bad relationships are all I can get.
- 5. I cannot exist without .
- 6. It is better to be with someone destructive than to be alone.
- 7. Good relationships are easy.
- 8. I must take care of everyone else first; my needs come last.
- 9. I must be liked by everyone.
- 10. I have no value to other people.
- 11. I am not _____ enough for a relationship.

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