

YouthLink Safe for Life: Healthy Relationships Optional Post-Field Trip Activity

<u>Purpose</u>: The purpose of this activity is to reflect on self-care strategies by making a "decision maker" folded paper craft.

Materials:

- Printed "Self Care-Decision Maker" template for each student
- A teacher example to fold with students as a demonstration
- Markers or pencil crayons for each student to decorate their fortune teller
- Scissors for each student

Teacher Prep:

• Print and write on a teacher example to fold with students as a demo

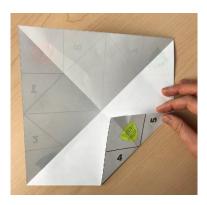
Procedure (30 minutes):

- **Explain** to students that they will be creating "fortune catcher" crafts that they can use as a tool for self-care.
- **Instruct** students to write an activity or strategy they like to do for self-care in each of the blank triangles on their fortune catcher templates. Some examples could include: Talking to a friend or trusted adult, going for a walk, reading a book, playing a sport, playing with a pet, listening to music, etc.
- After the students have written their strategies down, **demonstrate** how to fold the craft by using your teacher example:
 - 1. Cut out the template on the dotted lines

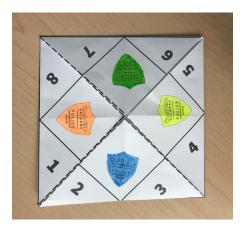
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- 2. Flip the paper over so the **back side** is facing up. Fold from corner to corner, making a triangle. Crease the fold well, then unfold the paper.
- 3. Fold the top left corner down to the bottom right corner and crease the fold well. Unfold the paper.
- 4. Bring one of the corners to the centre of the paper, where the creases intersect. Crease the fold but don't unfold the paper.



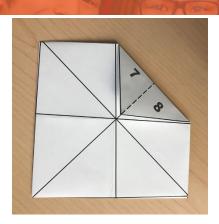
5. Repeat step 4 with the remaining corners. You will end up with a smaller square containing four triangles.



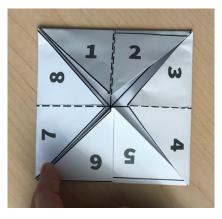
6. Flip your paper over and fold each corner to the centre again.

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7. Repeat with the rest of the corners. Now you will have a smaller square.



8. Fold and unfold the square in half horizontally and then vertically.



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- 9. Turn over and slide your fingers under the paper flaps and gently push the outer corners to the middle.
- After the students have folded their fortune catchers, they can decorate them with markers or pencil crayons. Encourage the students to use these fortune tellers as a fun game when they feel like they need a self-care strategy- these crafts can help them to choose!