**CHECKLIST OFR ASSESSING THE ONSET OF MENTAL ILLNESS FOR TEENAGERS**

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| **Do you …………………….( please tick)** | **Yes** | **Sometimes** | **No** |
| * Notice that your school work have dropped dramatically?
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| * Regularly is absent from school?
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| * Have loss of interest/enjoyment in your favorite activities i.e. going out, meeting friends?
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| * Experience constant mood changes: silent, withdrawn, sad or isolating yourself?
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| * Suffer from low energy levels, poor concentration or boredom?
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| * Frequently have outbursts of anger or rage?
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| * Have loss of interest in personal hygiene, familyor friends relationships?
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| * Suffer from constant lack of sleep, unexplained headaches or stomach cramps?
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| * Find it difficult to control and maintain your anger or aggression?
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(SA Federation for Mental Health: www.safmh.org.za)

If you answered yes on 3 or more of these questions, we recommend that you seek advice or assistance from your school counselor or mental health care provider near you.

**Thanking you for taking time in checking your mental health status.**