# **Advantages of Choosing a Voluntary Commitment ("a 201")**

YOU CAN DO IT! KNOW YOUR SYMPTOMS! **TAKE CONTROL! SELF-ADVOCATE! STAY SAFE!** YOU CAN DO IT!

#### **IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU!**

You can discreetly request a psychiatric evaluation at any **Outpatient** <u>Provider</u>, local <u>Emergency Room</u> or at <u>UPMC Beaver County Crisis</u> and work with the staff to determine the level of treatment that you need.

**UPMC Beaver County Crisis** can be reached by phoning **724-371-8060** (Toll Free: 1-800-400-6180)

#### WHEN YOU NEED TO BE HOSPITALIZED

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If a hospital admission is necessary, **YOU** can select where you go for treatment. Two local options (depending on availability) include:

Heritage Valley Beaver Heritage Valley Kennedy (formerly The Medical Center, Beaver) (formerly Ohio Valley Hospital) 1000 Dutch Ridge Road 25 Heckel Road Beaver, PA 15009 McKees Rocks, PA 15136 Phone: (724) 728-7000 Phone: (412) 777-6161

Under a 201 commitment, YOU have more rights and more control of the length of your hospital stay. For example, with a written notice, YOU can request your discharge date. On the other hand, YOU can extend your in-patient stay for as long as you and/or the medical staff believe that there is a continued need for treatment.

### **PRIVACY**

- Your Protected Health Information (PHI) is confidential and protected under HIPAA and Pennsylvania regulations.
- Under a 201 commitment, no information is submitted to the PA State Police regarding your psychiatric admission or treatment.

## A VOLUNTARY COMMITTMENT (a "201) IS DRAMA FREE

No police.

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- No restraints.
- No required hearings during the admission process.

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