

Do You Have A Troubled Teen, Tween or Pre-Tween?

Yes or No – Are you worried about your child's well-being?

Yes or No - Do you suspect that your child is depressed?

Yes or No – Are you allowing the unallowable to occur in your home?

Yes or No – Do you no longer recognize yourself as a parent?

Yes or No - Have you ever been afraid of your child?

Yes or No - Does your child refuse to do what you ask of them?

Yes or No – Is your child engaged in self-destructive behaviors?

These could be any of the following (this is by no means a complete list):

Abusing Prescription Drugs Gaming To Excess – Barely Leaving Their Bedroom Making Threats Against Others On Social Media Practicing Dangerous Sexual Activity School Refusal, Going In Late, Or Not Doing Assignments Self-Harm Smoking weed Social Media Addiction Stealing Suicidal Ideation Vandalism Vaping Nicotine

If you've answered **Yes** to even one of these questions, you may have a child at risk. If your child is in immediate danger, call 911. The number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-8255. If your child is not in danger, the first steps would be to engage a therapist for your child and yourself and contact your child's school for support. NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness 1-800-950-6264), provides access to free counselors. A life coach can help you make sense of what your life has become and help you figure out next steps. If you'd like to schedule a consultation with me, you can do that at <u>www.thometzlifecoach.com</u>.