# Relaxation Techniques to Reduce Stress

### Breathe in, Belly Out



- Put one hand on your chest and the other on your belly.
- Inhale deeply through your nose and count to 4, making sure your belly is expanding not your chest.
- Exhale to the count of 4.
- Continue this cycle at least 10 times.
- Feel the stress leave your body and calm your mind.



## Release and Tense Muscle Relaxation

- 1. Starting at the feet, gently squeeze the muscles in your feet, by tightening them, then slowly releasing.
- 2. Next, squeeze the large muscles in the calves for 5 seconds, then gently release. Working your way up the body, squeeze the thigh muscles or 5 seconds, then gently release.
- 3. Continue moving up the body for more relaxation.

#### **Yoga Poses**



### Triangle Breathing

- Sit tall with a straight spine or lay on your back
- Inhale through nose for a count of 4
- Hold at the top of the inhale for a count of 4
- Exhale through your nose for a count of 4
- Repeat until you feel your anxiety decreasing.

