PRE-TEEN/TEEN PROBLEM GAMBLERS
Ages 10 -18

WARNING SIGNS OF PRE-TEEN/TEEN PROBLEM GAMBLING

Problem gambling creates serious issues for pre-teen/teen gamblers and their families. It may interfere with relationships, school and/or leisure interests, and include diversion of funds intended for other uses. The adolescent may incur debts of substantial amounts to continue the activity.

*Behaviors that may indicate the existence of a gambling addiction may include:*

- Sudden, unexplained or exaggerated need for money
- Borrowing money from family members, neighbors and/or friends
- Unexplained appearance of extravagant goods or possessions
- Increased interest in sporting event outcomes, fantasy leagues, video/online/mobile gaming
- Increased interest or participation in card games like Texas Hold'Em
- Secrecy and/or lying about whereabouts
- Isolation and withdrawal from family and friends
- Lateness, missing classes and/or a drop in school grades
- Increased irritability, hostility or defensiveness
- Unusual telephone charges/usage
- Valuables missing from the home
- Unusual activity on parental credit card statement
- Physical evidence: betting slips, IOUs, lottery or scratch tickets

*Note: Gambling often begins as a family activity. Are you perpetuating unhealthy gambling habits in your home?*

**If you suspect that your loved one has a gambling problem, call 1-800-777-7207**