

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