

Online Training! March 9-29, 2009

High School and College Student Gambling: Identifying and Managing Risk

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Youth are known to take risks, and many experiment with gambling. Most can set limits for how much time and money they will spend on gambling and stay within those limits, but others can not. When does an otherwise entertaining activity become potentially harmful?

This mid-level online course will span three weeks, and focus on gambling in the high school and college student populations. The content is targeted toward anyone with an interest in student gambling including resident advisors, health educators, athletic coaches, guidance counselors and administrative staff.

The course will present student-specific information on the prevalence of gambling, signs and consequences of problem gambling, ideas for minimizing problems, and treatment and self-help options. Participants will also have the opportunity to assess their institution's gambling policies.

"According to a recent research study, college students who gambled in the past year had higher rates of binge drinking, marijuana use, cigarette use, and illicit drug use, as compared to their non-gambling counterparts. This online course will explore these correlations, and help professionals who work with youth to better understand and address problem gambling."

- Chad Waxman, MS, CAS, Program Manager and Co-Coordinator for Violence Prevention and Response, The Center for Health Promotion and Wellness at MIT Medical, Cambridge

"Adolescents who begin gambling at an early age are more likely to develop problems with gambling later in life. Parents, teachers, coaches, counselors and administrators who take this course will gain new insight into why some teens get into trouble with gambling, and what we can do to help teens to avoid these problems."

— Debra Arnold, Chair, Board of Directors, North Brookfield Youth Center

Payment Information

For providers within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health / Bureau of Substance Abuse Services provider system, the cost to participate in the online training is \$40. For other participants who work or live in Massachusetts, the cost to participate is \$100.

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Please register online at <http://masscouncilregistration.org>

Questions?

Please visit www.masscompulsivegambling.org for answers to frequently asked questions about the Council's online training courses.

Please contact Council Program Assistant, Peggie Milisci with any additional questions at 617-426-4554 / peggie@masscompulsivegambling.org



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We understand the problem. We can help.