

Key Changes in the 2011 Prevention Guidelines

OASAS has recently revised and updated the 2009 Prevention Guidelines. Modifications have also been made to reduce redundancy.

The following are highlights of those revisions/changes and expectations of OASAS Funded prevention providers:

Programmatic information has been moved to the front part of the document and Administrative topics are in the latter part.

The Risk and Protective Factor Chart has been relocated to the appendix and includes risk factors that are associated (correlated) with Problem Gambling – page 56

Additions to the Guidelines:

- Prevention Strategic Plan Priorities – page 3
- EBP Review Panel Information – page 11
- The Prevention Performance Standards – pages 12-16
- Definitions and Requirements for Prevention Services which includes Primary Prevention and Other Direct Prevention Services – pages 6-11
- Section on Teen Intervene – Policies and Procedures – pages 42-47
- Section on Alcohol Awareness Programs (AAP) – pages 47-49
- Guidance documents in the Appendices for Best Practices for delivery of positive alternatives; Evidence Based Prevention (EBP) education services; and Environmental Strategies – pages 58-68

Changes:

- In Prevention Counseling section: removed Academic Failure and Rebelliousness as separate risk factors (as this is captured under “Consequences related to Substance Abuse/Pathological Gambling” 2.b.) – page 32
- In Prevention Counseling section: removed language which allowed the admittance of an individual into services based on Family History as the only risk factor. No “universal” admissions. – page 31
- In the definition of Prevention Counseling: added language to specify allowable age range (5-20). – pages 9,29