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Problem Gambling and Adolescents





ADOLESCENT PROBLEM GAMBLING

Adolescents represent the future of the Empire State, and it's extremely important for these young men and women to recognize that seemingly inconsequential choices made early in life can have drastic consequences in the future. Parents and teens must heed the facts, risk factors and warning signs associated with problem gambling behavior.

RISK FACTORS

- Starting to gamble at an early age
- Favorable attitudes towards gambling among parents and peers
- Having friends who gamble
- Community availability and attitudes that are favorable towards gambling
- Family history of a gambling problem
- Early initiation of antisocial behavior
- Depressive Symptoms
- Rebelliousness

WARNING SIGNS

- Unexplained absences from school and /or work
- Grades dropping and/or poor work performance
- Stealing money from others to gamble
- Preoccupation with gambling
- Lying, cheating or stealing
- Gambles as a way to escape worries, frustrations or disappointments
- Displays large amounts of cash and other material possessions
- Continues to gamble despite consequences
- Attempts to cut down or stop gambling on their own
- Intense interest in gambling conversations and uses lingo (bookie, point spread, etc.)
- Spending more and more time on gambling related activities including on the internet, reading newspapers, checking scores, etc.
- Time spent gambling interrupts time with family and/or friends and replaces previously enjoyed activities

For additional resources and to learn more about youth problem gambling visit:



<http://youthdecideny.org>

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