

YOUTH & GAMBLING

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Kids and teenagers are exposed to gambling every day. All they have to do is turn on the TV to see poker tournaments, see ads online, download a mobile app, or walk into a store to see people buying lottery tickets. Even churches and schools often use gambling for fundraising. Gambling is everywhere. Teenagers are at an increased risk of gambling and developing a problem, therefore, education and prevention are essential.

WHY YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED

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- About 1 in 4 teens gamble in a typical month
 - Teens who gamble have higher rates of alcohol, marijuana, and tobacco use, as well as suicidal ideation, when compared to non-gambling teens
 - Gambling opportunities are increasingly widespread, and are available on the internet, on mobile apps, and in new lottery games
 - Many people experiencing a gambling disorder report having started gambling as a teenager
 - About 2.2% of Oregon teens struggle with problem gambling or gambling disorder
 - Youth can hide gambling problems well, as there aren't any outward physical signs, such as those associated with drinking or taking drugs
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