

## **Gambling Prevention Materials Available for Loan**

Operation Snowball purchased several copies of gambling curricula to loan to its member chapters as program resources. The curricula that Operation Snowball purchased were researched and developed by universities and institutes. These curricula address the issues of youth gambling and problem gambling and contain video segments, lesson plans, discussion guides and activities that will enable Operation Snowball to provide accurate, quality and up-to-date programming to youth and adults state-wide.

***Gambling: A Challenge for Youth*** is a middle school curriculum that covers the history of gambling and is used as a decision-making model which students can use as they consider their involvement in gambling activities. The curriculum was developed as a result of a gambling survey conducted by the University of Minnesota Extension Service in St. Paul.

***Teen Gambling: Minor Bettors, Major Problems*** is a training video presented by recovering youth gamblers, parents and nationally known professionals that addresses the prevalence of youth gambling, how problem gambling develops in youth, youth's attraction to gambling, the impact of youth gambling on the family and resources for the treatment and prevention of youth problem gambling. The curriculum was developed by the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling.

***Deal Me In: Gambling Trigger Videos*** is a four segment series, ranging in length from one to three minutes each, that provides viewers an opportunity to discuss real life situations that involve gambling and problem gambling. The videos and discussion guide can be used as a stand-alone program or as a supplemental resource with *Gambling: A Challenge for Youth or Improving Your Odds* curricula for middle and high school age students. This curriculum is distributed by the Gambling Problems Resource Center in Minnesota.

***Improving Your Odds: A Curriculum About Winning, Losing and Staying Out of Trouble with Gambling*** is a secondary level curriculum designed to assist classroom teachers and youth leaders help young people acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to understand the societal influences surrounding gambling, and to make healthy choices about gambling. This curriculum is distributed by the Gambling Problems Resource Center in Minnesota.

***Table Talk: A Program for Families About Winning, Losing and Staying Out of Trouble with Gambling*** is designed to enable parents to help their children make safe, legal and low-risk choices about gambling. It includes information and activities to help parents talk with their children about the risks associated with gambling and how to establish personal guidelines to reduce the risk of developing a gambling problem. This curriculum is distributed by the Gambling Problems Resource Center in Minnesota.

***Wanna Bet*** is a curriculum designed for students in grades 5-8. The purpose of this interdisciplinary curriculum is to help students develop the knowledge base and skills necessary to think critically about gambling. The kit contains the curricula, Andy's Story, a video, a copy of the book *Wanna Bet: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Teen Gambling but Never Thought to Ask*, overheads, and a bibliography. The curricula is distributed by the North American Training Institute which is one of SAMHSA's Partners for Substance Abuse Prevention.

***Facing the Odds*** is a middle-school curriculum developed by Harvard University Medical School Division on Addictions and the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling. The curriculum is designed to enhance students' critical thinking ability, number sense and knowledge of mathematics so that they can develop rational views about gambling and make their own informed and healthy choices when confronted with situations involving gambling. The curriculum is distributed by Harvard University Medical School.

***Out of the Money*** is a documentary news program developed and aired in 2002 by NBC's Dateline. The video program addresses the impact of compulsive gambling on families. It is structured to recount and follows one family as it struggles to deal with the consequences of compulsive gambling over a 20-year period. The video is distributed by the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling.

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