

# Problem Gambling Services



## Announcements

Oregon Department of Human Services

Addictions and Mental Health Division

### December 2008

As part of our PGS Action Plan process you asked for more communication, so here's the third issue of our e-newsletter. Each month we'll use it to highlight important updates and information. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions on this and any other aspects of our program.

*Paul D Potter, PGS Manager*

**The Next State-wide PGS Web Meeting is Feb.13<sup>th</sup> 10-12noon**



#### Staff changes?

Please notify **Patricia** ASAP so we can keep our records current!  
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#### Interesting News:

60 Minutes segment--online gambling scandal:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/11/25/60minutes/main4633254.shtml>

New gaming machines target younger players:

[http://www.responsiblegambling.org/staffsearch/atest\\_news\\_articles\\_details.cfm?intID=11894](http://www.responsiblegambling.org/staffsearch/atest_news_articles_details.cfm?intID=11894)

#### Resources:

Looking for problem gambling brochures, factsheets, information on treatment providers in Oregon? It's all on the Helpline website: **1877mylimit.org**. Please include this URL in your presentations and outreach materials/information; it's the best one-stop source for help and information!

**GEAR factsheet:** We should all know enough about the GEAR program, our minimal intervention option, to be able to make referrals if appropriate—see the factsheet attached to this email to learn more about the program.

#### Free Problem Gambling Guides from Canada

Go to <http://www.problemgambling.ca/EN/Pages/default.aspx> (scroll down the page) for free downloads, including a family guide available in several languages. The guides are more awareness than treatment oriented, but offer good information for families, financial professionals, and others in helping professions.

#### Budget News:

The long and oft-changing state budget process is now underway, as you have probably heard. For now, the Governor's proposed budget preserves the gambling funds at current levels. We will be mindful of potential cuts in related areas, such as mental health and addictions treatment, and will be responsible partners in getting through this process. I will keep you updated as I have information, but those of you who have been here for awhile know that it's a long time until we have definitive answers.

Paul D. Potter

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DHS Problem Gambling Services web site: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/gambling.shtml>

Helpline website: [1877mylimit.org](http://1877mylimit.org)