

Problem Gambling Services Critical Program Updates***Jan. 2011***

*This is our primary communication tool to provide state-funded Program Gambling Services providers with **Critical Program Updates**. Please take time to ensure that you are up to date on clarifications and changes to our system that will appear here.*

Treatment Updates

The residential problem gambling treatment program, Bridgeway Recovery Services in Salem, has problem gambling treatment beds available. Please refer any problem gambling clients whom you feel would benefit from residential treatment to Bridgeway.

Individuals can expect approximately 30 to 60 days of intensive problem gambling treatment at the residential program. Treatment consists of group and individual counseling and GA attendance is expected. Family members are encouraged to participate in treatment and the program offers a Saturday family group.

To be eligible for residential treatment, individuals **must** be enrolled in outpatient problem gambling treatment in Oregon. Outpatient clinicians must complete the attached referral packet and fax to Bridgeway Recovery Services Intake Coordinator Ryan LaCasse (see attached for Ryan's contact information).

As of January 1, 2011, Bridgeway is a non-smoking facility. Bridgeway will assist individuals to live in a non-smoking environment with Nicotine Replacement Therapy and counseling.

Please see attached Program Referral Information.

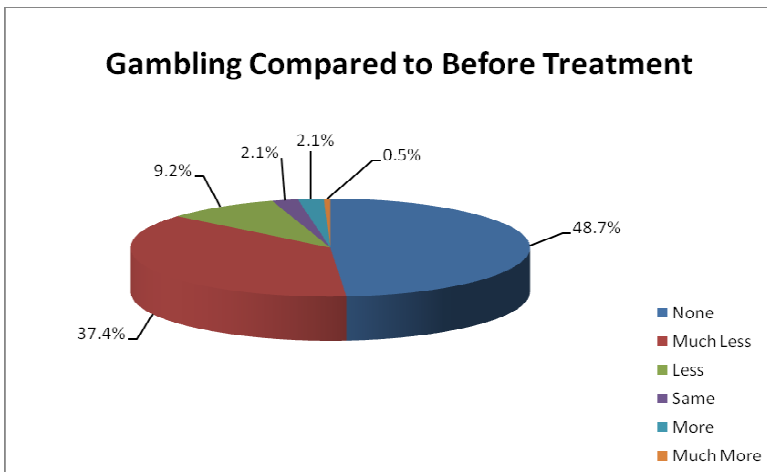
60 Minutes Segment on Gambling: Jan. 9

The national news program *60 Minutes* will be broadcasting a segment about gambling in America this Sunday night, January 9, 2011. The segment will focus on electronic gaming machines.

Problem Gambling Data Book

Soon you'll receive a new update on facts and figures related to our problem gambling services. The booklet covers overall system data, prevention, treatment and then county-specific data. The format features questions which are answered by a graph and then narrative/explanation to the side, so it should be fairly clear and easy to use. Below is one example from our treatment system data:

What were the outcomes of problem gambling treatment?



Eighty six percent (86%) of those who completed treatment stopped or reduced their gambling.

Treatment clearly works for those who remain in and in complete their full course of treatment.

The booklet will also be available online and we'll create some powerpoints so you can use the data in your presentations. The booklet represents only some of the key data we have available, and more will be presented during the Feb. 17 PGS All Provider mtg/webinar (see last page).

PG Prevention Coordinators: Annual PG Art Search Is Underway!

Some of you have already gotten started on this, but for those of you who haven't, now is the time to start promoting our annual search for art by middle school aged youth depicting problem gambling. Select entries end up in our annual calendar. The flyer for the art search is attached to this newsletter email. Please share it with schools, afterschool programs, youth groups, church groups, rec. centers, libraries and other places middle school aged youth gather. Be sure to indicate on the flyer your contact info so the kids know where to send their submissions. If you have any questions or need help please contact Greta Coe (greta.l.coe@state.or.us). Thanks!

Important Meeting/Training Reminders!

Jan. 20 (1-3 pm) Webinar: *Youth Gambling Update*: data from 2010 Student Wellness Survey: Join us for a 2 CEU session to learn about the youth gambling information from the most recent student wellness survey. We'll review some of the important local and statewide findings and share with you some new crosstabs which don't appear in the current report or on the SWS website. We'll also go over important talking points and ways to use and present the data. Information on how to participate will be emailed to you in the next week or so.

Feb. 17, 2011 9:00 – 10:30 am PGS *All-Providers Meeting/Webinar*. We'll cover the latest info on budget, legislation, the new PGS data booklet, refilling the manager's position and more, so mark your calendars and watch for the registration info early in February.

If you'd like to see past issues of this newsletter, go to:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/gambling.shtml> scroll down to "Problem Gambling Services Announcements"

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