Youth Gambling and Problem Gambling in New York State

The statistics:

48% of 7-12th graders reported they had gambled in the past year.

28% of adolescents who experienced problem gambling in the past year may also be in need of chemical dependency treatment.

10% (about 140,000) of adolescents have had problems with gambling.

10% An additional 10% are at risk for problem gambling.

Parent Attitude Toward Gambling

Children and adolescents are more likely to gamble if they witness adults gambling.

But, children can better judge the potential dangers of gambling if they are taught that gambling is an occasional activity meant for entertainment only, not as a way to make money, and that there are certain risks and negative consequences associated with engaging in gambling activities.

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