

connecting the dots

problem gambling
prevention

alcohol, tobacco,
& drug prevention

health curricula

Why we need to include
problem gambling in our
school-based health curricula.

Did you know?

- **Problem gambling is now part of the Oregon Health Education Standards**, under the “Alcohol, Tobacco, & Other Drug Prevention” strand.
- **Kids who gamble are:** (Source: 2006 Oregon Healthy Teens Surveys, 8th & 11th grade)
 - twice as likely to have drunk **beer, wine, or hard liquor** in the month,
 - twice as likely to have had **sexual intercourse**, &
 - two to three times more likely to have been involved in a **physical fight** in the last year.
- **Problem gambling is easy to hide and often mistaken for other issues.**
- **Approaches to prevent problem gambling** and substance abuse are very similar.
- **Poker is everywhere**— on TV, online, in stores, and in schools. Young people need to learn there are risks involved, and make healthy decisions.

See the connections?

Now connect with us.

Oregon Problem Gambling Services can provide you with **free, evidence-based, easy-to-use resources.**

- In-class presentations (stand-alone or integrated with your curricula) that meet Oregon Health Education Standards
- Educational materials
- Sample policy language
- And more -- Contact us today!

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