Normalization and Cultural Shift: Preparing for Expanded Sports Gambling

Stelianos Canallatos

Prevention and Communications Specialist
New York Council on Problem Gambling
scanallatos@NYProblemGambling.org
(518) 867-4084



The New York Council on Problem Gambling is a not-for-profit independent corporation dedicated to increasing public awareness about problem and compulsive gambling and advocating for support services and treatment for persons adversely affected by gambling.

The Council maintains a neutral stance on gambling.

NYProblemGambling.org

Overview

- Relationship between sports gambling expansion and gambling normalization.
 - Link between normalization of gambling and problem gambling.
 - Develop a plan of action to prevent the normalization of gambling.
 - Identify resources/support needed to implement prevention strategies.





Activity 1: Examining Your Community

Examine the culture, norms and opportunities regarding gambling and your assigned topic?



(5-10 minutes)

Slide Show on the way in...

This was not a collection of images from New York State, or even within the United States.

But, it is a glimpse of what may be coming with the possibility of legalized sports gambling in New York.

United States and Sports Betting

- Norms
- Advertising
- Problems



Sports Betting in Australia

Sports Betting Cultural Norms



Sports Betting in Australia

- Sports Betting Cultural Norms
- Gambling Advertising and Cultural Acceptability



Sports Betting in Australia

- Sports Betting Cultural Norms
- Gambling Advertising and Cultural Acceptability
- Risks of Normalized SportsGambling



Activity 2: Comparing Lists

A. Amongst your table, share your lists with one another regarding gambling and sports in the community.



(5 minutes)

Activity 2: Comparing Lists

- B. What happens when these lists become one?
- How will sports change?
- How will gambling change?
- How will culture change?
- What's the worst case scenario?



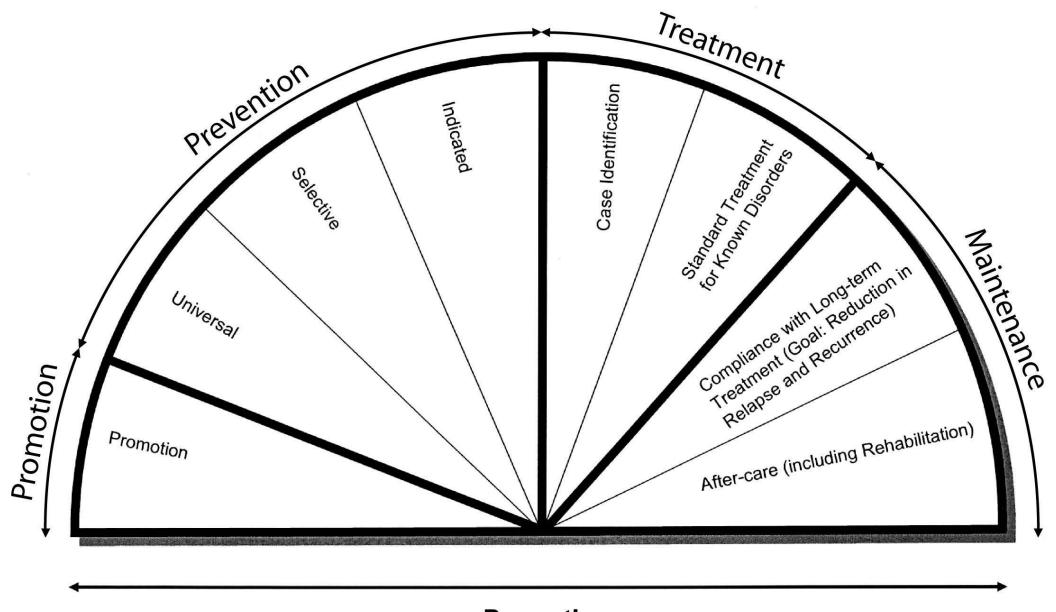
(5-10 minutes)

Activity 2: Sharing Your Lists



Role & Importance of Prevention

"Prevention is an important component of the continuum of care, which represents a comprehensive approach to behavioral health." (SAMHSA)



Promotion

Prevention Strategies

- Information Dissemination
- Prevention Education
- Alternative Activities
- Environmental Approaches
- Community Based Process
- Problem Identification and Referral

Activity 3: Making A Plan

- •How will you prevent gambling from infiltrating sports culture/events in your community?
- •How will you decrease accessibility of gambling for kids as this spread happens?
- •How can you prevent normalization of sports gambling?

Activity 3: Making A Plan

- 1. Select a sports activity/event
- 2. What happens when gambling infiltrates?
- 3. How can you prevent gambling infiltration into the sport?
- 4. Who and what is needed for success?
- 5. What steps would you take to prevent gambling infiltration into this sporting activity/event?

(5-10 minutes)

Activity 3: Sharing Your Plan



Review

- Relationship between sports gambling expansion and gambling normalization.
 - Link between normalization of gambling and problem gambling.
 - Develop a plan of action to prevent the normalization of gambling.
 - Identify resources/support needed to implement prevention strategies.





Resources

New York Council on Problem Gambling Resources

NYCPG www.nyproblemgambling.org

Videos can be found at

www.nyproblemgambling.org/resources/videos

NYRG Hub www.NYRGHub.org

Know the Odds www.knowtheodds.com

NYS Gambling Support and Treatment Centers

http://knowtheodds.org/gambling-support-directory

SAMHSA www.samhsa.gov

OASAS www.oasas.ny.gov/gambling

Support and Treatment Resources

https://www.oasas.ny.gov/providerDirectory/index.cfm?search type=2&program type=15®ion type=0 – OASAS provider search

<u>www.GamblersAnonymous.org</u> – Home of Gambler's Anonymous, a self-help group for those who want to stop gambling

<u>www.GamANON.org</u> – Home of Gam-ANON, a self-help support group for family members and friends affected by a loved one's gambling

