

Problem Gambling Screening: Why Screen People Affected by Substance Use

*****OASAS Part 822 General Service Provisions for Substance Use Disorder Outpatient Services require all clinics to screen for problem gambling*****

Understanding and Addressing the Risks:

- Those that have a gambling problem are more likely to have a substance use problem according to 2020 NYS OASAS Problem Gambling Survey for Adults.
- Other populations at greatest risk include:
 - Black men
 - Those with a high school diploma or less
 - Those with an income of \$30,000 or less
 - 18-24 years old
- Gambling harms are often called a “hidden addiction” because there are no visible signs like we may see with someone affected by substance use.
- Providing problem gambling education to your clients can help reduce the risks of them developing a gambling problem or prevent their current behaviors from escalating.
- Screening can help individuals who are at risk or currently experiencing gambling harms connect to the appropriate services they need.
- Many times, those that are entering treatment are not focused on their gambling, so it is important to screen again after 30-60 days.

Important Resources Available for Problem Gambling:

- [OASAS Approved Screening Tools](#)
- [OASAS Problem Gambling Clinical Resources](#)
- Free Training and Technical Assistance is available by calling the Problem Gambling Resource Center M – F 9AM – 5PM 1 (833) 437-3864.

If someone screens positive or would like further information, the following resources can assist with a referral:

- OASAS HOPEline 1 (877) 846-7369 available 24/7
- Problem Gambling Resource Center 1 (833) 437-3864 available M – F 9 AM – 5 PM

[OASAS Provider Directory](#) to search for a gambling designated program in your area.