

# **FOR EDUCATORS: SIGNS OF A POSSIBLE GAMBLING PROBLEM IN STUDENTS**

- Unexplained absences from school.
- Grades are dropping.
- Asking for/borrowing money from peers.
- Large amounts of money in student's possession.
- Intense interest in gambling conversations.
- Displaying money or other material possessions (e.g., cars, clothes, jewelry).
- Behavior change (e.g., is day dreaming, anxious, moody, less participative appears tired in class).
- Using gambling "lingo" in his/her conversation (e.g., bookie, loan shark, point spread, underdog or favorite, exaggerated use of the word "bet").
- Spending unusual amount of time reading newspapers, magazines, and/or periodicals having to do with sports.
- Selling personal belongings.
- Bragging about winnings.
- Lying, cheating, or stealing in school.

If you suspect your student has a gambling problem,

**CALL 1-800-522-4700**

for confidential help. Don't wait for the problem to get worse!