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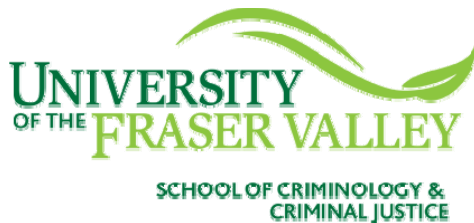
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On November 25, 2005, the BC Centre for Social Responsibility officially opened at the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV).

This provincial resource centre at UFV coordinates, facilitates research, and evaluates programs with a focus on anti-social behaviors, such as alcohol misuse, gaming, and internet addiction prevention, FASD strategies, and social responsibility. This is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Labour and Citizenship Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, and UFV.

Through research, referrals and resources the BC Centre for Social Responsibility supports:

- Government Ministries
- Provincial and Community Organizations
- Law Enforcement
- Academics and Education Partners
- Local Health Authorities
- The Public



The BC Centre for Social Responsibility is also co-located with Simon Fraser University for research, and is housed in the UFV School of Criminology and Criminal Justice.



YOUTH GAMBLING



Facts and Resources

Youth and Gambling: Information for Youth, Parents and the Public

What is Gambling?

Gambling involves risking something of value on an uncertain outcome in hopes to increasing value or profit.

What is Problem Gambling?

Gambling is seen as a problem when a person begins to experience negative consequence from their gambling, including guilt, gambling more than intended, and spending less time at school or work.

Youth Gambling involves Betting something of Value on:

- Card games
- Dice games
- Video games
- Raffle tickets
- Sports events
- Horse races

Why do Youth Gamble?

- To escape or cope with problems
- Peer pressure
- Depression
- To make money
- For fun
- For excitement
- Boredom

“Among youth, gambling is now more common than using drugs or smoking”

What are the Warning Signs of Problem Gambling?

- Chasing losses or gambling to win back lost money
- Larger and more frequent bets
- Preoccupation with gambling
- Gambling to escape problems
- Lying about gambling
- Borrowing or stealing money to gamble
- Failing grades and/or school absenteeism

What are the Negative Outcomes of Youth Gambling?

- Poor relationships with friends and family
- Decrease in academic performance
- Financial problems
- Mental health problems
- Physical health problems (i.e., neglecting sleep and nutrition)

What can Parents Do?

- Talk to your child about gambling
- Discuss the potential risks
- Monitor your child's online activities
- Remind your child that gambling is illegal if you are under 19 years of age

Resources

Youth Bet: www.youthbet.net

For more information on this and other topics visit the BC Centre for Social Responsibility at: www.bccsr.ca