

MARCH is PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH



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→ HAVE THE CONVERSATION

→ Are you **AWARE?**



Over 5 Million Americans meet criteria for gambling addiction

Money Americans spent on
legalized gambling

\$119 billion



Social costs of problem gambling*

\$7 billion

*addiction, bankruptcy & crime

Among those who have gambling problems:

75%
have had problems with
alcohol

38%
have had problems
with other drugs

20%
have attempted or
committed suicide



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Signs of Problem Gambling

Argumentative and defensive about gambling behavior 

 Unexplained absences for long periods of time

Lies to loved ones about gambling behavior 

 Going without basic needs in order to gamble

Borrowing money to gamble 

Help and Hope

 If you or a loved one needs help with a gambling problem, call

1.800.522.4700

Have the conversation about problem gambling and help someone in need



**There is help and hope for gambling problems.
Call 1.800.522.4700.**

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