

news you can use: each month we'll send you this newsletter with announcements, tips, info, resources, etc....ideas, submissions and feedback on this are welcome! send to wendy.hausotter@state.or.us



September is Recovery Month

This is an annual national awareness effort promoting the benefits of recovery from addiction, primarily substance abuse. This year, as last, the Governor's proclamation declaring September as Recovery Month in Oregon (in conjunction with the national awareness campaign) will include mention of problem gambling. We will send you a link to the proclamation as soon as it is officially issued.



Ideas for incorporating problem gambling recovery into Recovery Month efforts going on in your county or region:

- Check out the events planned in your area by going to SAMHSA's Recovery Month website...it is updated frequently as new events are planned, so if you don't see something for your area, check back again:
<http://www.recoverymonth.gov/2008/events/eventlist.aspx?ID=42>
Contact event organizers to see if there's interest in collaboration and/or including problem gambling information, materials, recovering folks, etc. in planned efforts
- Let your local GA groups and problem gambling treatment programs know about Recovery Month events in your area and encourage any of them who are interested to join in!
- The 2008 OPGAW manual has an updated section on Recovery...check it out and share the info/resources locally!

Snapshot of New Statewide Efforts

Latino Outreach: we have just convened a group of Latino advisors with problem gambling treatment/outreach experience from across the state to help us create effective outreach materials and strategies...we will share more on their plans/ideas/products/etc in September...for now, look forward to some great stuff in Spanish coming your way for use in your local area!

Workplace problem gambling: We have begun collaborating with a State-funded trainer who helps workplaces deal with substance abuse issues—we'll be incorporating problem gambling into the presentations he'll be giving across the state...much more on that as details are finalized!

Seniors and People With Disabilities: Initial discussions are underway at the state level about how to educate those who work with seniors and the disabled about problem gambling; we've also talked about the need to educate seniors and the disabled themselves, so there will be plenty to do and coordinate at the state and local levels as this effort unfolds...again, more to be revealed soon!

College Conference Calls: If you work with, or want to start working with, your local colleges join us for periodic conference calls on this topic; email wendy.hausotter@state.or.us and we'll add you to the list! The next call is in October.



REMINDER: Annual Reports Due!

Problem gambling prevention/outreach (AD 80) annual reports are due to AMH by August 31. You, your program manager and your fiscal person should have received the template forms; if you didn't receive one, please contact Arlenia at arlenia.elmore-jeggli@state.or.us