

Sure Bet Living News

The casino is here. Now what's happening? First, an increase in compulsive gamblers of about 50% by the end of 2011. (Morning Call study, 5/10/09) So, what? Well, consider these stats from The National Council on Problem Gambling. "More than 80% of compulsive gamblers have serious family problems." And this one, "20% of compulsive gamblers turn to crime to sustain their habit." And this one, "Compulsive gamblers experience a suicide rate 20 times higher than the general population." All of that is happening here and now. We want to bring those numbers down.

Look at these local headlines: "Attorney admits stealing client's ID". And this one, "For gamblers, 'twas the season to lose money". And this one, "Contractor gets jail for fleecing customers" And this one, " Employee gambles, loses with Domino's \$2,700." And this one, " Local doctor commits suicide" All tragedies and all gambling related. Intervention with the love of Jesus could have helped. But we have to find them in time.

Headline: "Task force: Double down on student gambling" The article stated, "...up to 11% of college students in the United States have a serious gambling problem that can result in 'psychological difficulties, unmanageable debt and failing grades.' ...Gambling has become the new rite of passage on college campuses." Lehigh Valley, being a "college-rich" locale with a casino nearby, is a risky territory for vulnerable students. Other articles make it clear that on-line gambling is capturing middle and high school students.

We're into "Find and Rescue"

We're into "Harm Reduction"

We're into "Prevention".

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