

Connecticut Youth and Gambling Awareness Mini-Grant Youth and Gambling Awareness Project

Important Dates

Funding Announcement: February 9, 2016

Application Deadline: March 4, 2016

Notification of Award: March 11, 2016

Required Training: March 28, 2016 (3 p.m. to 6 p.m.)

Final Report Due: June 10, 2016

The Youth and Gambling Awareness Project is an ongoing partnership between CREC, Connecticut's Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling. Gambling, defined as risking money or something of value on an uncertain outcome, is both a normal and pervasive activity in our society. The mission of this project is to follow the public health model in protecting vulnerable populations from gambling harm and in enabling those who choose to participate in gambling activities to make healthy and informed decisions.

Goals of the Grant

Groups of at least five students in grades six through 12 will work with an adult advisor to create a public awareness project that focuses on youth gambling.

Projects should include the three important messages listed below:

- Gambling is not a risk-free activity
- Know what is legal and illegal gambling
- Know how to keep the problem out of gambling

Project Examples

Projects can include:

- Public service announcements (video)
- Social media campaign
- Poster competition
- Skit presentation

Application Criteria

- At least one adult must be designated as a group advisor
- A group must be able to recruit at least five students in grades six through 12 to participate
- Students and advisor must attend gambling awareness training on March 28, 2016
- A group must meet for the planning and completion of the project a minimum of four times
- A project must be completed by June 10, 2016

Funding and Allowable Costs

A maximum amount of \$750 will be awarded to applicants. The money can be used to:

- Purchase professional services if specific skills are needed to implement the project
- Purchase materials and incentives to support the project
- Fund transportation services

These funds are designated for the purpose of this mini-project and cannot be used to supplant existing programming or salaries. The money also cannot be used to pay student stipends. No more than 50 percent of the funds should be allocated to staff salaries.

Reporting

A final report must be submitted by June 10, 2016 and should include:

- Documentation of the final project, such as pictures and videos
- A description of the dissemination of material to the associated school or community
- A budget narrative



Youth and Gambling Awareness Project Application

Due Date: March 4, 2016

Contact Information

Name of Organization/School: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Contact/Adult Advisor: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Project Overview

Please check a project description by selecting an option below.

Public service announcements (video)

Social media campaign

Poster competition

Skit presentation

Other: _____

Additional Notes (optional):

Describe a plan for student recruitment. Which students, including grade levels and associated schools, will this project serve?

How will your team disseminate your project to others, such as your school and community?

For additional information please contact Kim Brewer at (860)509-3629 or kbrewer@crec.org.
Completed applications should be emailed by March 4, 2016 to Kim Brewer at kbrewer@crec.org.

