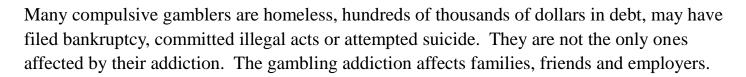
## Pathological Gambling and the Judicial System

## Did you know that problem gamblers:

- May lie about their gambling?
- May hide their losses?
- May chase losses?
- May gamble in spite of the consequences?
- May borrow money to gamble with?
- May deplete savings and insurance?
- May use gambling as a coping mechanism?



## **According to the National Council on Problem Gambling:**

- Crimes by compulsive gamblers place an increased stress on the legal and court system.
- Suicide rates are 20 times higher among pathological gamblers.
- 65% of compulsive gamblers commit crimes to finance their gambling.
- 6-12% of adolescents develop gambling problems.
- People who have other addictions are at a higher risk of becoming addicted to gambling.
- Senior citizens and adolescents are at high risk to become addicted to gambling.
- 2 million (1%) of U.S. adults are estimated to meet criteria for pathological gambling in a given year. Another 4-6 million (2-3%) would be considered problem gamblers.

Sample guidelines for responsible gambling include:

- Know the risks involved
- Plan ahead and set a dollar limit
- Set a time limit
- Expect to lose
- Do not gamble on credit
- Create balance in your life
- Avoid chasing lost money
- Do not gamble as a way to cope

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