

Community Readiness Assessment Interview Questions

**A. COMMUNITY EFFORTS (programs, activities, policies, etc.)
AND
COMMUNITY KNOWLEDGE OF EFFORTS**

- 1. Using a scale from 1-10, how much of a concern is Problem Gambling in your community (with 1 being “not at all” and 10 being “a very great concern”)? Please explain.**

(NOTE: this figure between one and ten is NOT figured into your scoring of this dimension in any way – it is only to provide a reference point.)

- 2. Please describe the efforts that are available in your community to address Problem Gambling . (A)**

- 3. How long have these efforts been going on in your community? (A)**

- 4. Using a scale from 1-10, how aware are people in your community of these efforts (with 1 being "no awareness" and 10 being "very aware")? Please explain.**

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- 5. What does the community know about these efforts or activities?**

6. What are the strengths of these efforts?

7. What are the weaknesses of these efforts?

8. Who do these programs serve? (Prompt: For example, individuals of a certain age group, ethnicity, etc.)

9. Would there be any segments of the community for which these efforts/services may appear inaccessible? (Prompt: For example, individuals of a certain age group, ethnicity, income level, geographic region, etc.)

10. Is there a need to expand these efforts/services? If not, why not?

**11. Is there any planning for efforts/services going on in your community surrounding Problem Gambling ?
If yes, please explain.**

12. What formal or informal policies, practices and laws related to Problem Gambling are in place in your community, and for how long? (Prompt: An example of “formal” would be established policies of schools, police, or courts. An example of “informal” would be similar to the police not responding to calls from a particular part of town, etc.)

13. Are there segments of the community for which these policies, practices and laws may not apply? (Prompt: For example, due to socioeconomic status, ethnicity, age, etc.)

14. Is there a need to expand these policies, practices and laws? If so, are there plans to expand them? Please explain.

15. How does the community view these policies, practices and laws?

B. LEADERSHIP

16. Who are the "leaders" specific to Problem Gambling in your community?

17. Using a scale from 1 to 10, how much of a concern is Problem Gambling to the leadership in your community (with 1 being "not at all" and 10 being "of great concern")? Please explain.

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18. How are these leaders involved in efforts regarding Problem Gambling ? Please explain. (For example: Are they involved in a committee, task force, etc.? How often do they meet?)

19. Would the leadership support additional efforts? Please explain.

C. COMMUNITY CLIMATE

20. Describe _____ (name of your community).

21. Are there ever any circumstances in which members of your community might think that Problem Gambling should be tolerated? Please explain.

22. How does the community support the efforts to address Problem Gambling ?

23. What are the primary obstacles to efforts addressing Problem Gambling in your community?

D. KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE ISSUE

25. How knowledgeable are community members about Problem Gambling ? Please explain. (Prompt: For example, dynamics, signs, symptoms, local statistics, effects on family and friends, etc.)

26. What type of information is available in your community regarding Problem Gambling ?

27. What local data is available on Problem Gambling in your community?

28. How do people obtain this information in your community?

E. RESOURCES FOR PREVENTION EFFORTS (time, money, people, space, etc.)

29. To whom would an individual affected by Problem Gambling turn to first for help in your community? Why?(NOTE: this figure between one and ten is NOT figured into your scoring of this dimension in any way – it is only to provide a reference point.)

31. Do efforts that address Problem Gambling have a broad base of volunteers?

32. What is the community's and/or local business' attitude about supporting efforts to address Problem Gambling , with people volunteering time, making financial donations, and/or providing space?

33. How are current efforts funded? Please explain.

34. Are you aware of any proposals or action plans that have been submitted for funding that address Problem Gambling in your community? If yes, please explain.

35. Do you know if there is any evaluation of efforts that are in place to address Problem Gambling ? If yes, on a scale of 1 to 10, how sophisticated is the evaluation effort (with 1 being "not at all" and 10 being "very sophisticated")?

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36. Are the evaluation results being used to make changes in programs, activities, or policies or to start new ones?