

ADDRESSING PROBLEM GAMBLING IN INDIANA PRISONS



DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION

Gambling in Indiana

■ Gaming Industry

13 casinos; 2008 Gross Revenue of \$2.569 billion.

■ Treatment

2,725 gamblers have enrolled in treatment since 1997. 17 DMHA agencies provide problem gambling treatment services. The Voluntary Exclusion Program has 2,476 active members from 18 different states as of June 30, 2008

■ Education/Prevention

44,382 children ages 10-14 received prevention education on gambling since 2006. 6,540 adults in the Department of Correction received gambling education/intervention in 2008.

Partnership with Indiana Department of Correction

- Problem gambling literature shows that 1/3 of criminal offenders meet criteria for problem or pathological gambling. This is the highest rate yet found in any population.
- Approximately 50% of crime by incarcerated problem and pathological gamblers is reportedly committed to support gambling.
- Offender screening, treatment and referrals post incarceration are rare in correctional facilities.



DMHA Provided IDOC with Gambling Treatment and GA Information for Post Release Referrals

IDOC Program Focus

- Screening/Education/Information
- Problem Gambling as a Disease
- Holistic View of Recovery
- Gambling as a part of the Addiction Cycle
- Gambling as a Relapse Behavior for Primary Drug of Choice
- Resources for post incarceration

Results

- IDOC Therapeutic Communities have been administering the South Oaks Gambling Screen since June 1, 2008 and over 6,500 offenders have taken the SOGS.
- Quarterly reports consistently indicate that 14% have some problem, 10% are Problem Gamblers, and 14% are Pathological Gamblers.

Typical Offender Snapshot

Race: White
Education: HS Diploma or GED
Most Serious Offense: Dealing Cocaine
Offense Category: Controlled Substance B Felony
Average Age: 35
Average Term of Incarceration: 7.6 years

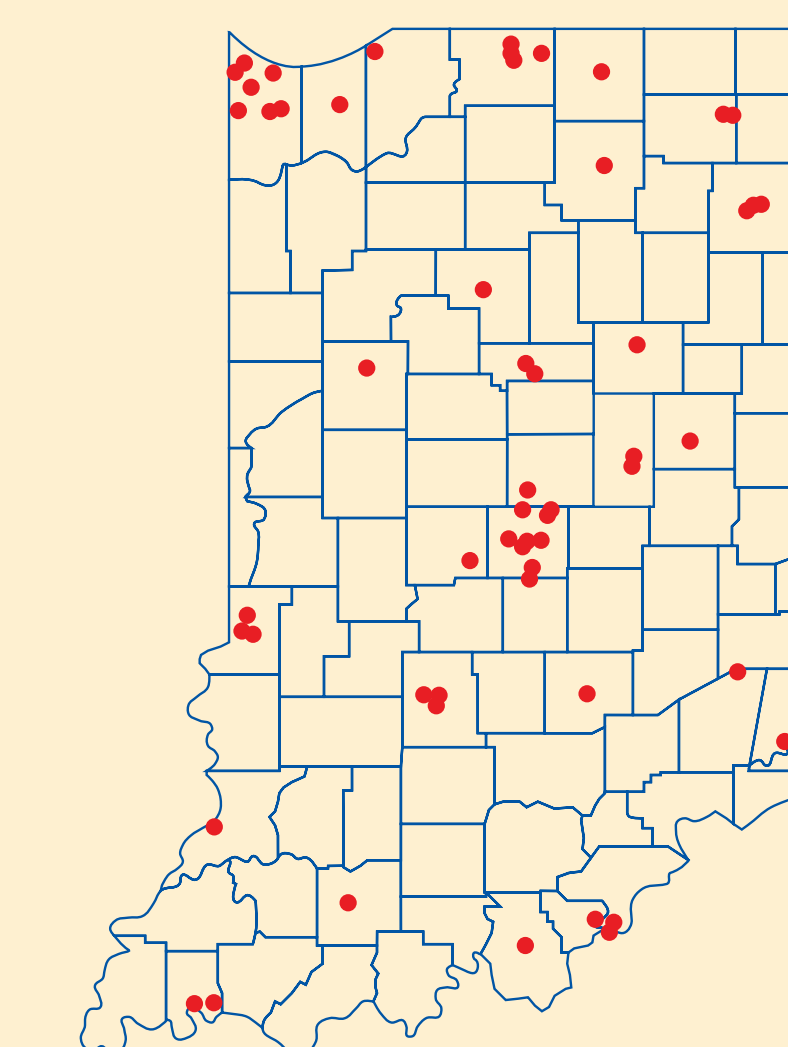
Therapeutic Communities

IDOC has 8 Therapeutic Communities in Indiana (Westville, Rockville, Wabash, Correctional Industry, Miami, Branchville, Plainfield, and Madison Correctional)

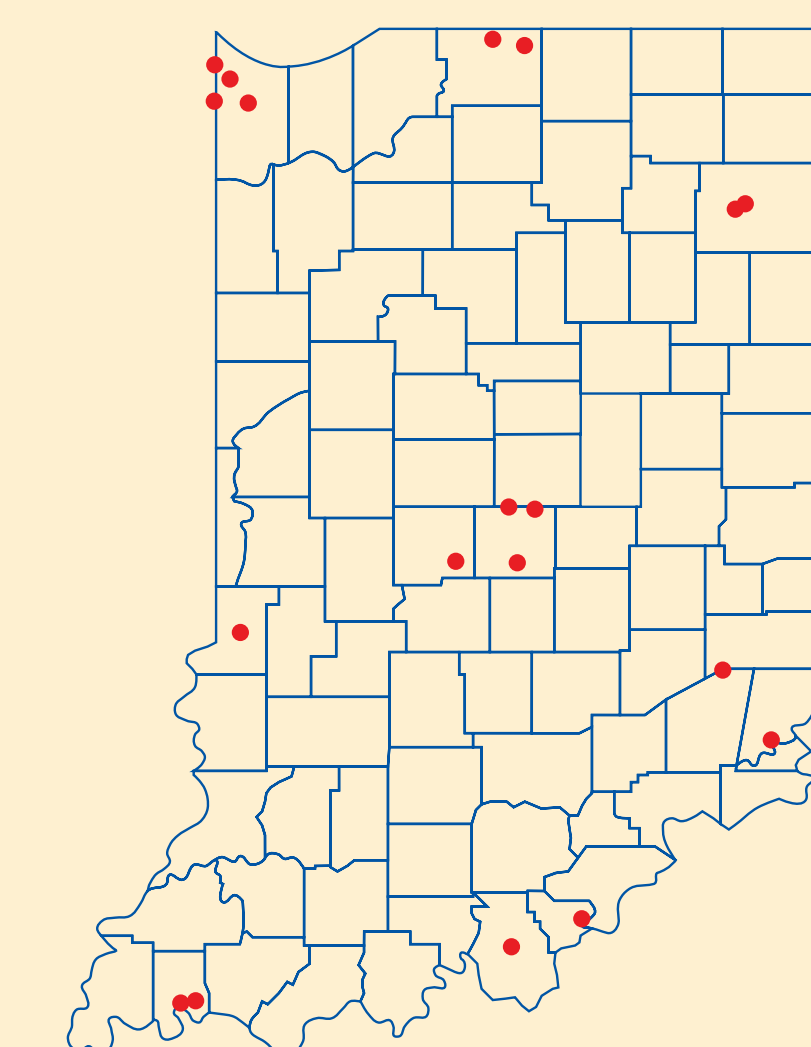
Identification is Not Enough – Next Steps

Starting July 1, 2009 IDOC will report the following:

- Number of offenders identified as pathological gamblers and problem gamblers referred to community resources once released i.e. GA meetings, GA Counseling
- County or parole district the person returns to once released from IDOC.
- Data supporting the identification of pathological gamblers and problem gamblers on the Reentry Accountability Plan.



• Providers



• GA Meetings

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