

## TOOLS TO LOWER YOUR RISK Be Honest With Yourself

If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions below, you may be developing a gambling problem. Talk to your parents, a school counselor or someone else you can trust.

- **1.** Do you often think about gambling when you are at school or with friends?
- **2.** Are you spending more on gambling now than you were when you first started?
- 3. When you try to cut back on how often you gamble do you become angry, stressed, or easily irritated?
- 4. When you have problems with your friends, family, or school do you gamble to temporarily forget the problem?
- 5. When you lose money gambling, do you try to win it back?
- **6.** Do you lie to your family and friends about how often you gamble or how much you have won or lost?
- 7. Do you spend money on gambling that is intended for other things (like lunch, clothing, transportation)?
- **8.** Have you stolen money from friends or family members and used it to gamble?
- 9. Do you get into trouble with your parents or other family members because of your gambling?
- **10.** Do you sometimes miss school or work because you would rather gamble?

