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DePaul's National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-Rochester Area is partnering with New York Council on Problem Gambling to carry out the YOU(th) Decide Project in Monroe County.

This marks the seventh year that NYCPG has worked with local providers in an effort to prevent underage and problem gambling. The NCADD-RA has been a part of the project since its inception.

The YOU(th) Decide Project and NCADD-RA continue to raise awareness of the negative effects of problem gambling and what information and help is available. The most recent research indicates that 39 percent of youth ages 12-17 in the state have gambled in the past year. Nearly 30 percent of those youth said they started at ages 10 or younger. Underage gambling brings with it a number of negative consequences, many of which are serious and can be devastating to youth, as well as their family and friends.

The younger an adolescent starts gambling, the more likely they are to develop a gambling addiction. Underage gamblers are at an increased risk of delinquency and crime, damaged relationships and poor academic performance. Youth who gamble are more likely than their nongambling peers to develop mental health issues, including depression and alcohol/substance abuse disorders; to attempt suicide; and to maintain poor general health. YOU(th) Decide is designed to be a multidimensional prevention effort aimed at reducing underage gambling. Local providers participating in the YOU(th) Decide Project will educate youth, work with local community leaders to decrease youth availability to gambling activities and conduct media and outreach campaigns.

Call (585) 719-3480 or email [jfaringer@depaul.org](mailto:jfaringer@depaul.org) for information about how to get involved. Visit [youthdecideny.org](http://youthdecideny.org) or [bit.ly/1BCCnR1](http://bit.ly/1BCCnR1) for information about local efforts.

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