



Virginia Department of  
Behavioral Health &  
Developmental Services

# CSB Onboarding

## Problem Gambling Prevention

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**wellness:**  
Broadening Prevention

# Gambling Defined

The making or placing of any bet or wager of money or thing of value, for a chance to win money, or thing of value, dependent upon the result of any game, contest, or any other event the outcome is **uncertain** or a matter of **chance**.

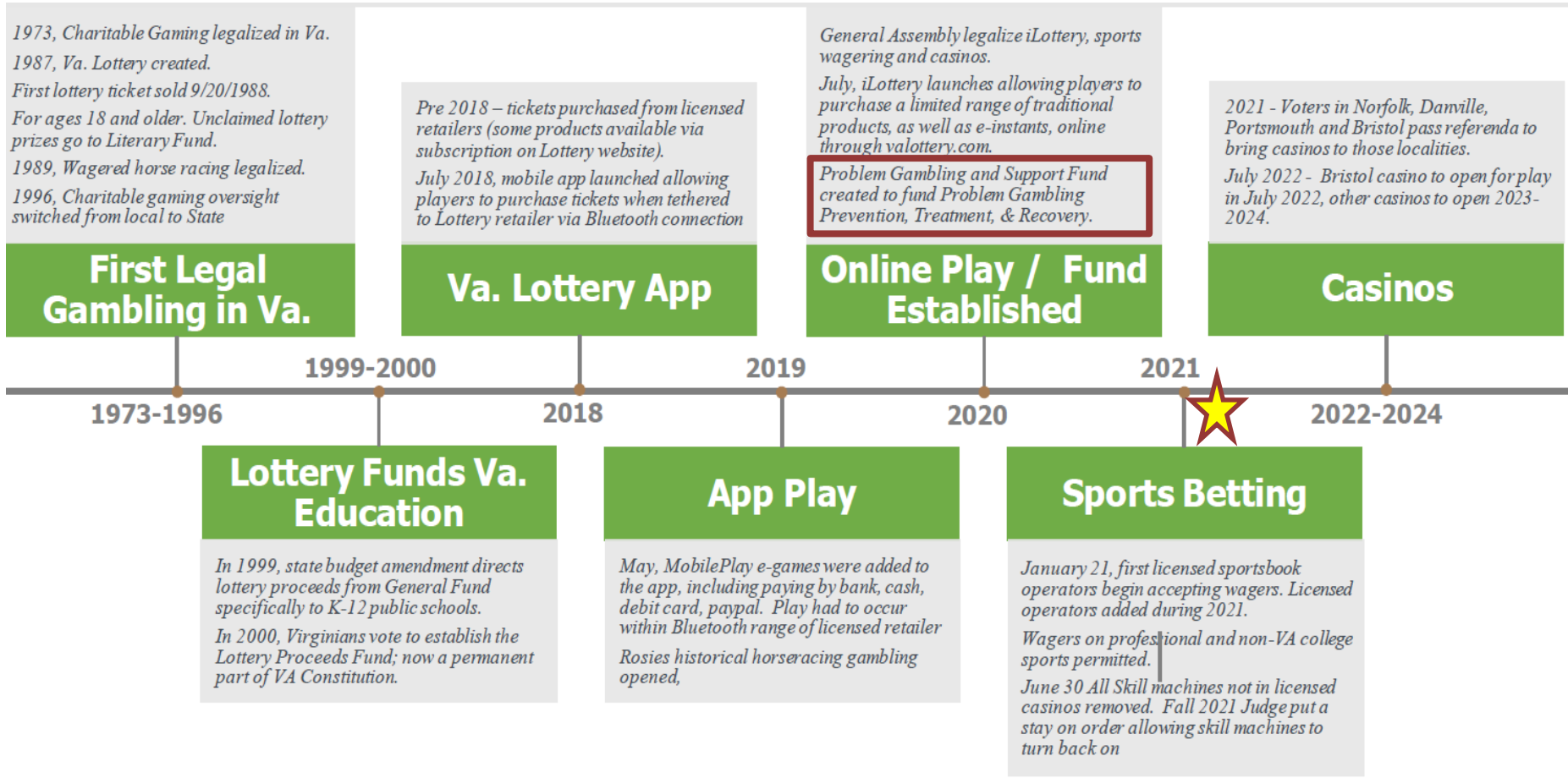


# Problem Gambling

- Defined as the urge to gamble, despite harmful negative consequences or a desire to stop. More serious forms are “Disordered Gambling” or “Pathological Gambling” (National Council on Problem Gambling).
- Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-V) classifies this as a *gambling disorder* (i.e., gambling addiction, problem gambling, or compulsive gambling).



# Virginias Gambling History & The Birth of its Problem Gambling Prevention Program



# Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund

Creating a fund from tax revenues and fees on gambling operations to help mitigate potential impacts from gambling expansion

**The regulation (§ 37.2-314.2.) states *the Fund shall be used solely for the purposes of:***

- (i) providing counseling and other support services for compulsive and problem gamblers,
- (ii) developing and implementing compulsive and problem gambling treatment and **prevention** programs, and
- (iii) providing grants to support organizations that provide assistance to compulsive and problem gamblers.

# 2021 Year of Change

- Money in the Fund from sports betting and reprimed skill machines
- The Birth of Virginia's Problem Gambling Prevention
- Contracts to all 40 Community Service Boards / Behavioral Health Agencies (aka CSB) distributed to
  - Conduct Needs Assessments
  - Build Capacity



# SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF)





# Environmental Scans

Funded 40 CSB's to conduct Environmental Scans of:

- Brick and Mortar – Lottery/Scratch Tickets/Slots
- Charitable Gaming – Bingo/Pulltabs
- Community Walks – Major roads, downtowns, schools
- Passive Media Scans – Radio, TV, Podcasts, etc.



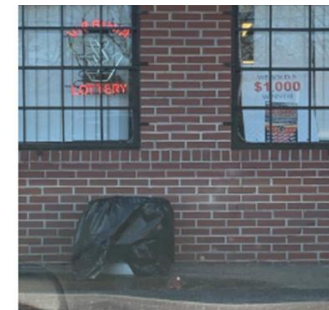
Shell gas station door sign in Warsaw Village



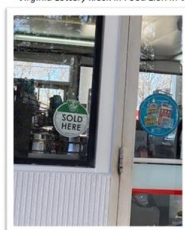
Virginia Lottery kiosk in Food Lion in Warsaw



Information about problem gambling at Rosie's Emporium.



Gaming sign at Exxon gas station in Warsaw



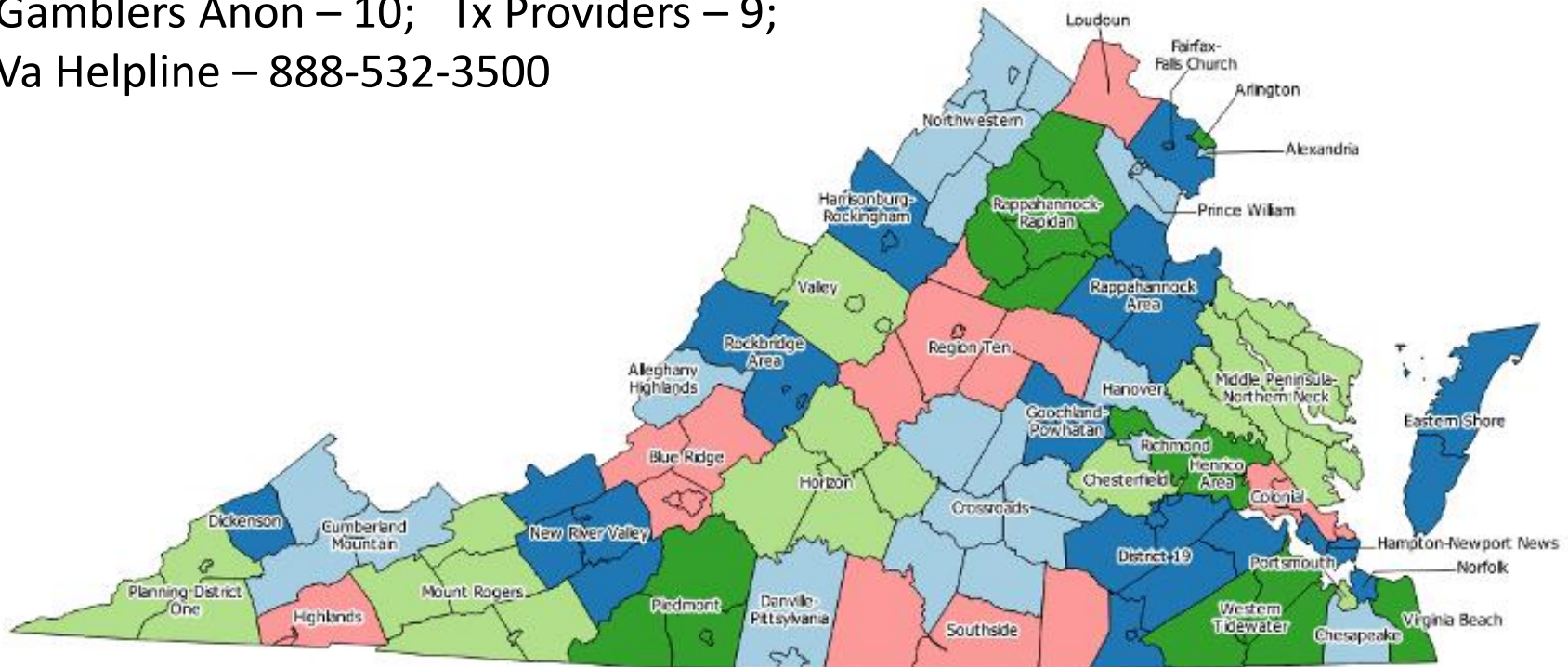
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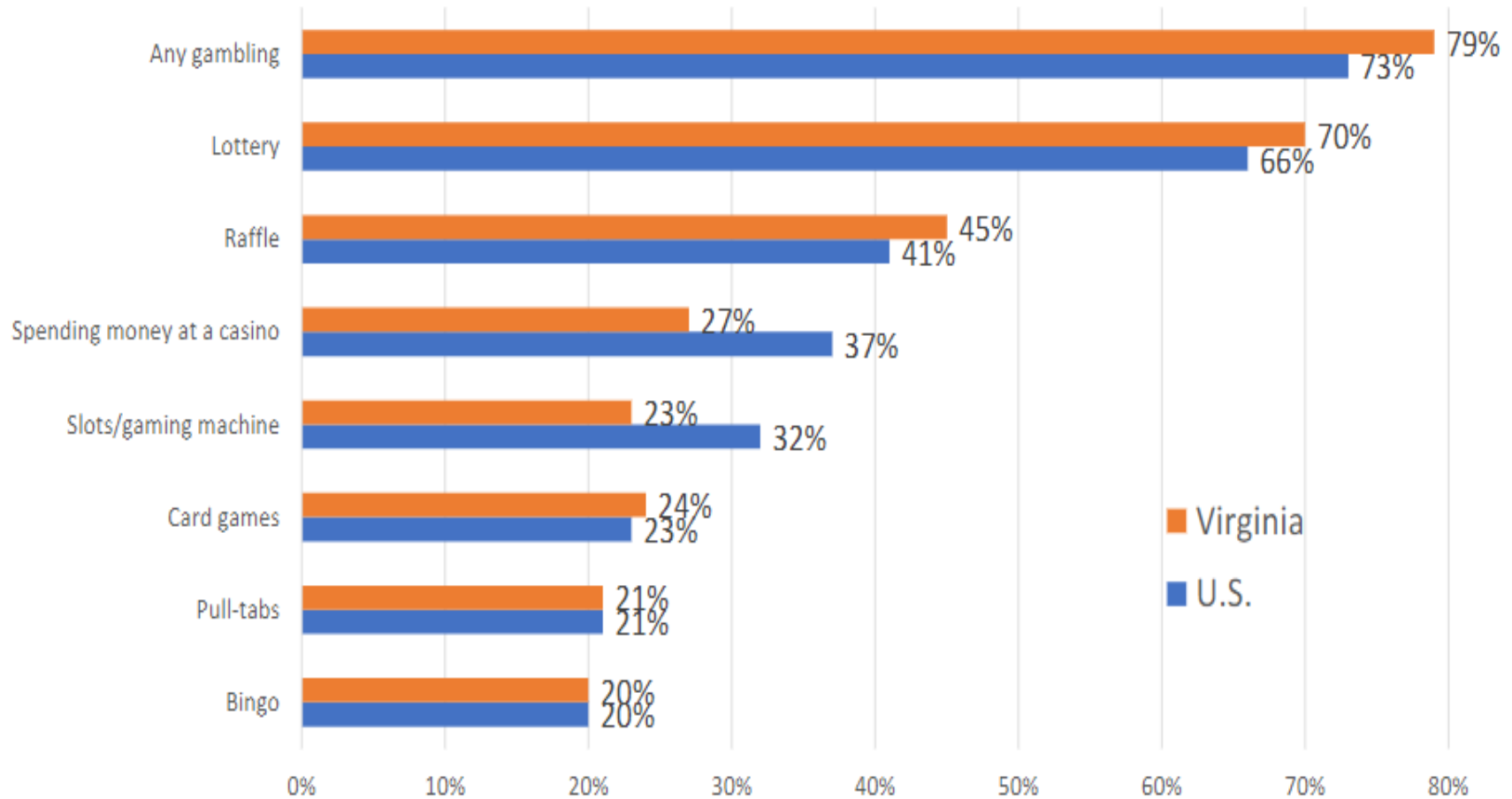


# Gambling and Gaming Sites in Virginia

In August 2021,  
Lottery – 5,358; Bingo – 197; Raffles – 248;  
Horse Racing Racinos – 6; Future Casinos – 4+;  
College Esport – 7;  
Gamblers Anon – 10; Tx Providers – 9;  
Va Helpline – 888-532-3500



# Gambling in Va. In 2018



# Community Readiness Assessment

Funded 40 CSB's to conduct Community Readiness Assessments -

- Each communities knowledge, leadership, climate, and resources.
- Best types of strategies to use in a community.



# Survey Data

- Virginia Youth Survey (VYS)– 2021
- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS)- 2022
- Young Adult Survey (YAS) - 2022



# Capacity

- We provided 3 webinars to build the CSB and their stakeholders knowledge base on problem gambling prevention (recordings available here <https://www.youtube.com/c/VirginiaDBHDS/videos>)
- Presentation resource
- Provided funding to the CSB's to participate in trainings and conferences on problem gambling prevention



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