

Port Authority of Kansas City, Missouri

The Port Authority of Kansas City plays an integral role as a member of the Missouri

Alliance to Curb Problem Gambling. Not only did they help coordinate the past six annual Midwest Conferences on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse, but they also have lead efforts in promoting responsible gambling and assisted in the research that identifies contributing factors which could develop into an addictive situation.

In 2003, the Port Authority funded a study by Harvard Medical School, which evaluated the data from Missouri's self exclusion list. Phase I results, released in 2005, concluded that Missouri's self exclusion list is a valid indicator for the prevalence of problem gambling. This research can be utilized to assist public health planners in efficiently directing resources and programming to the areas of greatest need.

The Mayor and City Council of Kansas City delegated the local administrative oversight of casino gambling operations to the Port Authority. As part of the Ameristar Casino and the Isle of Capri Casino agreements to locate within the city, they make financial contributions to the Problem Gaming Fund. The Port Authority administers

the fund which is used to promote awareness, treatment efforts, and underwrite research that advances understanding of Problem Gambling.



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