

Office of Problem Gambling

The Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) was established under Section 4369 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and is charged with developing and providing quality statewide prevention and treatment programs and services to address gambling harm and deliver services to the people of California. The mission of OPG is to provide inclusive prevention and treatment services for gambling disorder informed by gambling research.

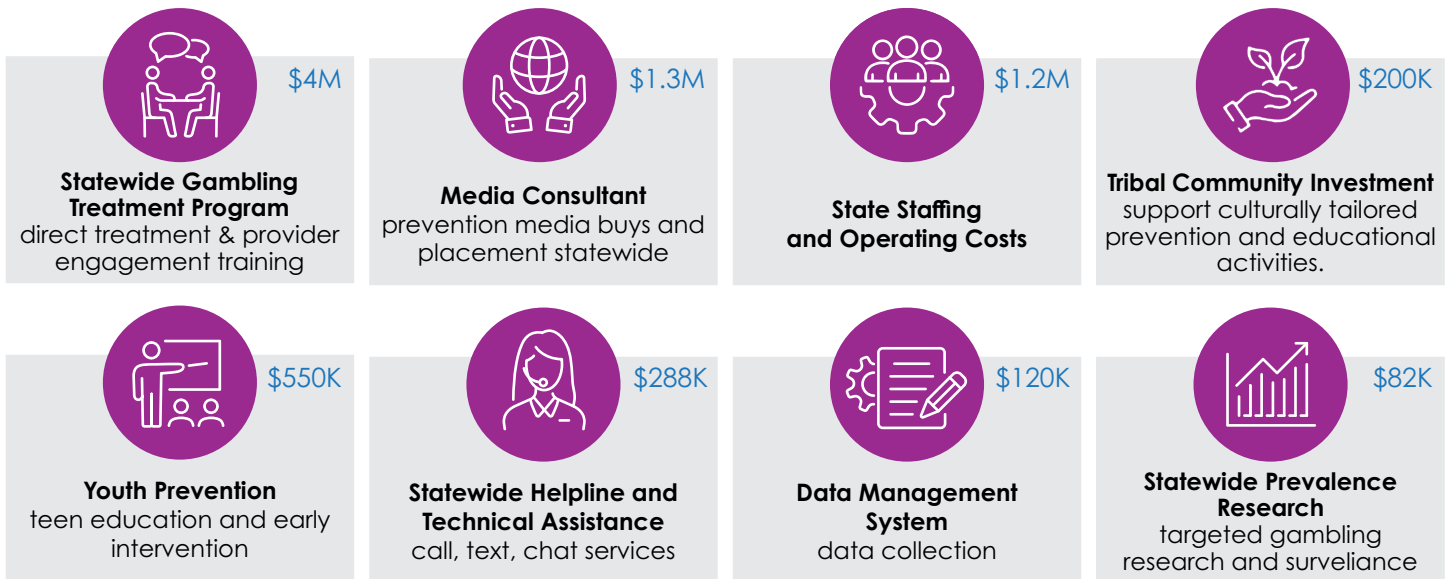
Since 2009, OPG has been dedicated to promoting awareness and prevention of harmful gambling outcomes and making treatment accessible for affected individuals and underserved gamblers seeking services.

Budget

Total annual funding for OPG is \$8.5 million dollars, funded by the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund for local assistance and support, the Gambling Addiction Program Fund, and an interagency agreement with the California Lottery in order of contribution levels.

Funded Programs

In coordination with selected contractors, OPG has developed and structured a statewide prevention and treatment program informed by academic experts, community stakeholders, and early gambling research.



Advisory Group

The purpose of the OPG Advisory Group exists to discuss and inform OPG activities, emerging changes to gambling climate, and strategies for educating and training individuals engaged in gambling-related treatment and prevention. The OPG Advisory Group is a valuable forum for collaboration among mandated membership of state regulating agencies, gambling industry representatives, educators, researchers, and advocates for harmful gambling matters.