



WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

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NINETEENTH ANNUAL WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

“Celebrating 25 Years of Hope, Change, and Recovery”

- Our Nineteenth Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference will be held on March 15-16, 2018 with a pre-conference on March 14 at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and will bring together national and state experts in the compulsive gambling addiction field. The Milwaukee Marriott West has a limited number of rooms available on a first-come/first-served basis. Please call 1-800-228-9290 for reservations, which should be made prior to Friday, February 26th, 2018 to be eligible for the conference rate of \$102.00 plus tax per night.
- Our Annual Conference offers up to 19.75 CEUs. Ethics and Clinical Supervision CEUs are also available.
- Exhibit space is available for the 2018 Conference.
- A limited number of full scholarships are available, including the newly formed Susan Hengst Scholarship for recovering gamblers and the Richard Stanchfield Scholarship. The deadline for scholarship applications is February 26th, 2018.
- This year we will NOT be mailing out the conference brochures. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call or email. We will also have the conference brochure available on our website.

For more information on the Nineteenth Annual
Statewide Conference please visit our website.

Mark Your Calendars!

Online Registration and payments
are available.

See our website for details.

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Moraine Park Technical College

Moraine Park Technical College is offering a two part Introduction to Problem Gambling Classes!

As the need for counselors training in treating problem gambling increases, Moraine Park Technical College will now be able to meet that need. They are now offering a 3 credit course, **Gambling 1** Thursdays 1/25-5/17 5:30-8:30pm and **Gambling 2** Thursdays 6/7-8/16 5:30-8:30pm. These courses will provide an orientation to gambling addiction, explore the neurobiology and pharmacology of gambling addictions, and prepare the student to evaluate and address the issues of problem gambling disorders for treatment planning. These courses will prepare students to earn the International Certified Gambling Counselor credential. It is listed under Human Services- AODA Curriculum.

For more information contact Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac, WI at **1.800.472.4554**.

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Kwik Trip Gas or Car Wash Gift Card are available from the WCPG!
Each Car Wash card is \$36.00 which contains 5-count Ultimate Car Washes.
Each Gas/Gift card is \$20.00.

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2018 Phase 1-4 training

These programs are designed for those counselors who are or plan to be working with problem gamblers and their families in a variety of clinical settings. We welcome participants from the criminal justice field, the employee assistance field, the faith and pastoral care traditions, educators, the gaming industry, the recovering community and others to our programs. Though the information is designed for counselors to incorporate into their clinical practice we hope all of our participants, no matter who they may be, will learn about the effects of problem gambling on the individual, family, and community and use the information to help those who fall into their own professional scope of practice. Completion of 30 hours of gambling-specific training education may allow participants to become eligible as a referral source for the WCPG’s **1-800-GAMBLE-5** Helpline.

Following completion of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 thirty-hour training and education program, counselors will be ready to assess, screen, and evaluate for gambling problems among their caseloads and among those who present for care. They will be ready to intervene in a crisis, assist in preparation of restitution plans, refer clients for appropriate levels of care, and begin the treatment planning process, etc. The training for clinical professionals is a total of 60 hours of gambling-specific training and education sessions. Participants who successfully complete the entire 60 hours are then encouraged to begin the national certification process. The trainer for the Mequon courses is Doug LaBelle, LCSW, CEAT, CAI, NCGC-II.

Special Offer: Concordia University-Wisconsin Counseling students, faculty, and alumni may attend free of charge! Indicate this on your registration information.

Certification Hours:

Continuing Education Units for 15 hours each phase has been applied for with the following: Wisconsin Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, NASW, EACC, National Gambling Counselor Certification Board, NAADAC and the WI Department of Safety and Professional Services. Certificate of attendance will be provided by the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. **Concordia University-Wisconsin will be offering professional development credit as an option.** (1 credit available for phases 1 & 2 and 1 credit available for phases 3 & 4) Cost is \$141.25 per credit. For additional CU-W information please contact Christy Call at Christy.Call@cuw.edu.

Training	2018 Dates	Location	Times
All Trainings: Phase 1 - 4	Phase 1-April 19-20 Phase 2-May 31-June 1 Phase 3-June 28-29 Phase 4-July 19-20	Concordia University Wisconsin 12800 N. Lake Shore Drive Mequon, WI 53097 Phase 1 & 3 Barth Hall 027 Phase 2 & 4 - Albrecht Terrace Room AL114	Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (1 hour lunch)

- A \$25.00 administration fee will be charged for cancellations.
- No cancellations will be refunded after the training registration deadline. Credit will be issued for this fee good for any WCPG training within 12 months.
- **SPECIAL OFFER: CUW COUNSELING students, faculty, and alumni may attend free of charge! Indicate on registration.**

The cost includes training and training materials. **Lunch is on your own.**

For more information and to register
visit our website at wi-problemgamblers.org
Online registration and payments are available

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

All of us at the WCPG hope you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you a Happy New Year. There is still time to make your tax deductible donation to the WCPG. All donations go toward providing services to Wisconsin residents who are affected in anyway by gambling disorders.

We look forward to 2018 as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the WCPG. In 1993 a group of AODA counselors and others concerned about gambling addictions started the WCPG. The Helpline was originally answered in people's homes.

Please mark your calendar for March 15-16, 2018 as we host our 19th annual conference at the Milwaukee Marriott West. Come help us celebrate 25 years of the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling.

Having been a part of the WCPG for the past 20 plus years, it is exciting to look back and see how far we have come and also look forward to what the future will be as we continue to provide resources, education and awareness on gambling disorders.

Wishing you the best in 2018!

Rose Blozinski

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WCPG Executive Director



New WCPG Outreach Coordinator

Hello-

My name is Sara Hungerford and I am the Outreach Coordinator for the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and to give you some information regarding our program and what we can offer to health teachers in the state.

According to research, adolescents ages 12-19 are a high-risk group to becoming problem gamblers. If a student entered the classroom under the influence of drugs or alcohol, you would likely be able to know something was wrong. If a student just lost a bet, you would likely have no idea. That's the power of a hidden addiction.

Approximately 4-5% of youth, ages 12-17, meet one or more criteria of having a gambling problem. Another 10-14% are at risk of developing an addiction, which means that they already show signs of losing control over their gambling behavior. Studies also show that 78% of problem gamblers contemplate suicide and 65% commit crimes to finance their gambling.

Even though the majority of students will not become problem gamblers, knowing the warning signs will help them make good choices and provide support to friends and family as they enter their teen and adult years. Young people like to take risks and are vulnerable to peer pressure. They tend to overestimate the short-term payoff and dismiss the long-term consequences. These are dangerous behaviors as it relates to gambling.

Today, those who work with youth have an opportunity to look for the presence of problem gambling behaviors in students with whom they work. You are in a direct position to detect adolescents in the early stages of difficulty and refer students to resources that can help. One of the challenges will be identifying the warning signs.

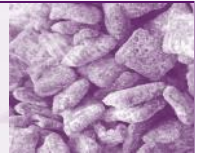
The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling would like to offer your school, classroom, or parent organization a presentation on gambling disorders, absolutely free, with no strings attached. Our presentations are interactive and educational; they can be tailored to meet the needs/demographics of any audience. For additional information or to schedule a date, please call 920-437-8888 or email outreach@wi-problemgamblers.org.

Puppy Chow

Ingredients

- 9 cups crispy rice cereal squares
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar

Recipe
Corner



Serves: 36

Ready in 10 minutes

1. In a saucepan over low heat, melt the chocolate; add peanut butter and mix until smooth.
2. Remove from heat, add cereal and stir until coated.
3. Pour powdered sugar into large plastic bag, add coated cereal and shake until well coated. Store in an airtight container.

For help, call: 1-800-GAMBLE-5 or text 920-888-HELP
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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT: The WCPG is currently accepting volunteers. Anyone interested in donating their time and skills to the organization by helping with administrative projects is encouraged to contact us at (920)437-8888.

RESOURCE LIBRARY: The WCPG has both books and videos in our lending library. Materials can be loaned out on a two week basis. These materials can also be mailed to you. For more information, call René at (920) 437-8888 or e-mail her at: conference@wi-problemgamblers.org

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. provides resources, public awareness and education on gambling disorders while maintaining strict neutrality on the issue of legalized gambling.

Our goals are to:

- Promote public education and awareness of gambling disorders.
- Maintain a toll-free statewide Helpline where people with gambling disorders and their families can call for immediate and continuing assistance in dealing with the addiction.
- Advocate quality assistance for all individuals affected by gambling disorders.
- Identify “high risk” individuals and groups with gambling disorders and provide prevention activities and information.
- Provide expert training to professional counselors in the treatment of gambling disorders.
- Compile and maintain a database of statistical information concerning gambling disorders in Wisconsin.