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Conference 2020 newsletter



WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

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“The Sounds of Healing through Awareness, Education, and Prevention” 21st Annual Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference was a huge success!

The Twenty-First Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was a huge success. This year’s conference was held August 11th and 12th, 2020, at the KI Center/Hyatt Regency in Green Bay.

Speakers included:

Jerry Bauerkemper (Texas)	Mark Sanders (Illinois)
Fred Dyer (Minnesota)	Andrew Schreier (Wisconsin)
LeAnne Holden (Wisconsin)	Daniel Lloyd Smith (Missouri)
Pat Jirovetz (Wisconsin)	James Walsh (Delaware)
Doug LaBelle (Wisconsin)	Ken Winters (Minnesota)

Topics included:

Integrating a Gambling Recovery Plan Using Dr. Robert Custer’s V Chart, The GA 12 Steps, and Grief Processing; Ethics: Principles & Beliefs in the Practice of Ethics; Effectiveness of Group Therapy in Mixed Addictions Group: A Focus Group Study; The Connection Between Emerging Adults, Gambling, Homelessness, and Substance Use Disorders; Emerging Adults and Co-occurring Disorders; My Gambling - My Kids - Our Story; Finding Your Way With Clay; Caution - Convergence Ahead! ? ! ?; Leadership 2.0: A Workshop for Supervisors in Behavioral Health; The Role of Treatment Providers, Communities, and Families in Breaking Intergenerational Patterns of Addiction, Trauma, and Dark Secrets; Why Are We Afraid to Ask About Gambling; Mindfulness and Meditation As Clinical Necessities in SUD and Gambling Treatment; Exploring Practical Applications of the Third and Eleventh Steps; Burnout and Gambling Disorder: Help For the Professional; Trauma and Gambling Addiction: Working Through the Issues; Sports Betting is Here and It’s Going to be an Emerging Clinical Issue; and More on Clinical and Public Health Perspectives of Cannabis in America.

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Award Recipients

Awards were given to the following individuals who have gone above and beyond in helping the Council achieve its mission of education and promoting public awareness of problem gambling disorders.

Cornerstone Award ~ Senator Dave Hansen ~ This award is named after the first recipient, The Cornerstone Foundation. It is presented to a person or organization that has been instrumental in the growth of the Council. The recipient must show strong support and dedication to the expansion of the WCPG and its mission.

Outstanding Achievement Award ~ Lois Ann Hadley & Raymond L Hadley ~ This award is given to a person or organization that has provided excellence in providing services, resources and long term devotion to problem gamblers and the growth of the Council.

Outstanding Volunteer Award ~ Rick Blozinski ~ This award is given to an individual who has shown long term devotion and unending support of the Council and has volunteered innumerable hours toward helping the mission of the WCPG.

Special Recognition Award ~ Jay Wadd ~ This award is in appreciation of the support and friendship that an individual or organization has given the Council in perpetuating the Council's goals and mission.

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Mark Your Calendars!

22nd Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference

March 11th-12th, 2021

Milwaukee Marriott West
W231N1600 Corporate Ct.
Waukesha, WI 53186

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Thank You

The Twenty-first Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was held on August 11-12, 2020. We appreciate all the support the WCPG receives for the conference and throughout the year. Despite unexpected challenges, the conference was a success.

The staff and Board of Directors of the WCPG would like to offer a huge "thank you" to all our conference sponsors who helped to make our Twenty-first Annual Statewide Conference a great success. We are also thankful for everyone who provided scholarships to the conference. Scholarships help to provide opportunities for people to attend who might otherwise not be able to do so.

We are so grateful to all of our volunteers who helped us before and during the Conference. Our volunteers provide countless hours and help in hundreds of ways: Diana Abelt, Cathy Allen-Schneider, Carolyn Bickel, Rick Blozinski, James Bolek, Cheri Braley, Kathy Diny, Kristine Drath, Chris Gruber, Jakob Hannon, Leanne Holden, Mollie Massart, Judy Ramsey, Alta Valenta, Wendy Vertz, and Todd Zangl.

Another thank you goes to the conference presenters: Jerry Bauerkemper, Fred Dyer, LeAnne Holden, Pat Jirovetz, Doug LaBelle, Mark Sanders, Andrew Schreier, Dan Smith, James Walsh and Ken Winters. We are grateful to our participants for their part in making this conference a success.

A special thanks goes to the WCPG Conference Committee: James Harrison III, LeAnne Holden, Pat Jirovetz, Jamie McCarville, Ed Ramsey, Missy Tracy, Mark Wesenberg and Todd Zangl. Your guidance and input really helped make this Conference a success. We appreciate your time and efforts.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who contributed so much heart, soul and elbow grease to the Conference. Your participation continues to help compulsive gamblers and their families find the assistance they need as they deal with this debilitating problem.

Just a reminder- planning has begun for next year's 22nd Conference, which will be held March 11-12, 2021, at the Milwaukee Marriott West. Save the dates!

Thank you for a great 21st Annual Conference!

Rose Blozinski

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WCPG Executive Director

~TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES~

Webinar: College Gambling - When It Becomes Something More

Date: November 13, 2020 ~ 10:00am - 11:30am

Cost: \$20 1.5 CEUs

Please see our website for more information www.wi-problemgamblers.org

WCPG Phase 1-4 Training Program

Location:

Milwaukee
Four Points by Sheraton-
Milwaukee North Shore
8900 N Kildeer Court
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Times:

Thursday:
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday:
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(1 hour lunch)

Dates:

Phase 1-January 14-15, 2021
Phase 2-February 11-12, 2021
Phase 3-April 15-16, 2021
Phase 4-May 13-14, 2021

Total Cost:

Phases taken separately: \$125 each
Phase 1 & Phase 2: \$175
Phase 3 & Phase 4: \$175
All Four Phase Trainings: \$300

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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 Alta 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.