



WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

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Financial Consequences

Richard, a successful, 45-year old corporate executive, began gambling to deal with boredom and loneliness after his marriage ended abruptly in divorce. His healthy financial condition enabled him to gamble for many years with seemingly little consequence. Over time, however, the money ran out, the credit ran up, the house went into foreclosure and his depression accelerated. His financial, emotional and physical health deteriorated along with his work performance. After losing everything he had worked over 20 years to earn, the company decided to let him go but provided him with a substantial severance pay which he quickly lost through continued gambling. (*Not his real name)*

Financial issues are often the first outward sign of a gambling problem. When gambling becomes uncontrollable, the problem gambler will spend even more money, attempting and usually failing, to win back their losses. Here are some of the financial consequences that may occur:

- Overdue bills
- Maxed out credit cards / Denial of credit
- Always short of money, despite adequate income
- Cannot provide for basic needs (food, clothing, shelter)
- Relies on borrowing money from friends, family or coworkers
- Develops a pattern of extremely high-risk investing or frequent trading
- Money is pulled from home equity, savings, investment or retirement accounts
- Household and personal items are pawned or sold for cash
- Frequent, multiple payday loans or cash-advances
- Property is repossessed
- Home is in foreclosure

Many problem gamblers believe that money is both the cause of, and the solution to their problems, so they continue to gamble in spite of the losses, believing they can fix all the problems with just one more 'big win'. Sadly, there can never be a big enough 'win' to solve the problem of the addiction, because it is an emotional illness, not a financial one.

For this reason, the real solution is for the gambler to deal with their addiction, not just the money problems it creates. Treatment and support resources can help the gambler stop gambling, and with abstinence from gambling, the stress from financial pressures will begin to be relieved. Long term solutions will require hard work, debt repayment and careful planning but the finances of a problem gambler and their family can recover over time.

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Twenty-First Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference

“The Sounds of Healing through Awareness, Education, and Prevention”

Hyatt Regency in Green Bay, WI

August 11-12, 2020 (Pre-Conference on August 10)

NEW THIS YEAR: CONFERENCE KICK-OFF KEYNOTE

August 10, 2020 - 3:30-5:00 pm

EARN AN EXTRA 1.5 CEU'S (No Extra Cost)

**Rescheduled ~ New Dates
You still have time to register!**

Keynote Speakers



Fred Dyer, Ph.D.,
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Online registration and payments are available!

**Ethics Training
4 CEUs**

**Clinical Supervision Track
6 CEUs**

**Earn up to
21.25 CEUs**

Bring the Family for some Downtime

Lambeau Field Stadium Tours

National Railroad Museum

Fox River Tours



Packers Heritage Trail Trolley Tours

Bay Beach

Green Bay Ghost Tours

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

**(Only one person may register per form. Please photocopy for additional registrations. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)
 If there are 3 or more people attending from one organization each will receive \$10 off their registration fees**

Pre-Registration Is Required

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 County: _____ Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Registration Checklist:

Please have the following completed for your Conference Registration:

- Completed application form
- Meal selection (**Regular/Vegetarian**)
- Awards Banquet attendance
- Conference Kick-Off Keynote
- Ethics attendance (**check box below if attending**)
- Membership submission if desired
- Payment

Meals: Regular Vegetarian

EAP Continuing Education

AWARDS BANQUET: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:00pm - 9:00pm

I will attend I will not attend \$30.00 Non-registered Banquet Guest

(The Full Conference and Thursday Only Rates include the Awards Banquet at no additional cost, but you must register in advance.)

RATES BEFORE 2/26/20:	RATES AFTER 2/26/20:	Please check if you plan to attend Ethics: <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00	Pre-Conference (August 10, 8:00am-3:00pm) "Gambling as a Reaction to Grief" - Dan Smith
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00	Pre-Conference (August 10, 8:00am-3:00pm) "Gambling Supervision" - Mark Sanders
<input type="checkbox"/> Will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> Will attend	Conference Kick-Off Keynote (August 10, 3:30-5:00pm) (Included with Full Conference) "The Role of Treatment Providers, Communities and Families in Breaking Intergenerational Patterns of Addiction, Trauma and Dark Secrets" - Mark Sanders
<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175.00	Full Conference Rate (NOT INCLUDING PRE-CONFERENCE)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$195.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225.00	Full Conference AND Pre-Conference presentations "Gambling as a Reaction to Grief" - Dan Smith
<input type="checkbox"/> \$195.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 225.00	Full Conference AND Pre-Conference presentations "Leadership 2.0: A Workshop for Supervisors in Behavioral Health" - Mark Sanders
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00	Tuesday Only OR Wednesday Only (Please circle choice)

Your WCPG Bronze level or higher Membership saves you money:

Renew your Bronze Membership or join now and save \$35 off Full Conference Registration!

Membership Fee: \$ _____
 (\$75.00 or more for discount)

Conference Fee: \$ _____

Membership Discount: (\$35.00)

TOTAL Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make check or money order payable to:

Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. (WCPG)
Mail to: 1585 Allouez Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54311

Now accepting online registration and credit card payments!

Please include your email address when registering. We will email all correspondence and CEU Certificates.

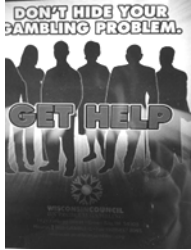
If you register without an email address, you will receive correspondence via mail to the address provided.

**** All rates include breaks.**
**** Lunch included with Tuesday and Wednesday registration.**
******* REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1, 2020 *******

Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. 2019 Year in Review

The year 2019 was the 21st year of our Compulsive Gambling Public Awareness Campaign. It was our 26th year in operation and the 24th year of the 24-hour Helpline. The Council continued to see tremendous growth during the past year.

The Public Awareness Campaign contains five different project areas used to enhance the awareness of Problem and Compulsive Gambling. These areas include the 24-hour Helpline, High School Educational Curriculum, Statewide Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference, our Public Relations Media Awareness Campaign, and the Training of Human Service Professionals.



24 Hour Helpline

The Helpline received 12,283 calls in 2019 with the highest months of calls being April and December with 1,150 calls. We continue to receive many hits to our website annually. We received 11,951 web hits in 2019. The highest month was March with 3,200 hits. The average debt amount of calls to the Helpline was \$20,714. However, many people refuse to divulge this information and are confused about their indebtedness. Area code 414 received the most calls. During the year 2019, 359 referrals were made and 52 packets of information were sent. The chat line received 81 chats and the text line received 8 texts.

Outreach Program

The WCPG provides an Outreach Program. This program provides educational sessions to high school students around the state. The goal of the program is to provide education and awareness on gambling disorders. Students learn the definitions of gambling, the risks associated with gambling, the warning signs, and how to get help for themselves or others. Presentations in schools throughout the state continue. The Outreach program reached 1,807 students and 34 staff through 69 classes in 2019.

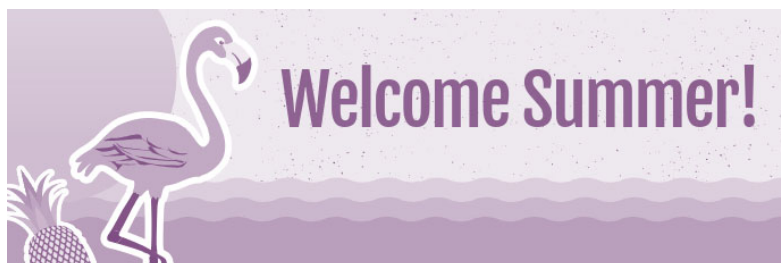
State Wide Compulsive Gambling Conference

The WCPG hosted its 20th Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference on March 14-15, 2019, at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, WI. A total of 138 people attended the two day conference.

Training of Human Service Professionals

We have been able to provide two Phase I and Phase II training sessions during 2019. One intro training was held in Green Bay. A total of 66 training units were provided through our training sessions. There were approximately 300 attendees who participated in other trainings and workshops throughout 2019. A Department of Corrections training was held. There were 45 participants. The WCPG will be hosting several intro trainings and Phase I-IV during 2020.

We continue to develop a list of all persons/agencies within the state of Wisconsin qualified to provide training, education, treatment, or public information at various levels for use by such groups as Employee Assistance Programs, human resource personnel, AODA personnel, school counselors, treatment providers, and civic and church groups.



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Public Relations/Media Campaign

As part of the media awareness campaign, the following has been accomplished or continues:

- ◆ Planning, development, and implementation of the public awareness campaign--phase twenty-one.
- ◆ The WCPG continues to develop a list within the State of Wisconsin with persons/agencies qualified to provide training, education, treatment, or public information at various levels on the issue of compulsive gambling.
- ◆ Continued distribution of twelve different posters.
- ◆ The WCPG increased its social media presence through Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, You Tube, LinkedIn, and Twitter.
- ◆ One-on-one media interviews in the state's five main media markets.
- ◆ More than 500 media contacts including newspapers, radio, and television.
- ◆ Press releases regarding the WCPG effort were distributed.
- ◆ Continued distribution of "Is Gambling Affecting Your Life?" (Approximately 180,000 have been distributed)
- ◆ Exterior bus signage continues in several cities throughout Wisconsin.
- ◆ Bathroom ads in Wisconsin Casinos.
- ◆ Exhibits at a variety of conferences and programs throughout the state.
- ◆ Tokens, magnets, pens, pencils, note clips, back scratchers, calendars, oven sticks, and computer dusters, etc. are being distributed in a variety of ways throughout Wisconsin. These public awareness "tools" are an excellent opportunity to get the 800-Helpline number out to thousands of people. People will pick up a pen, which has the 800 number on it, more likely than they would pick up a pamphlet.
- ◆ Continued partnership with the Wisconsin Lottery.
- ◆ Increased materials in our resource library.
- ◆ Continued distribution of WCPG brochures including "special population" brochures.
- ◆ Continued distribution of membership brochure.
- ◆ Continued development of a data collection process for a book of experts.
- ◆ Reached an estimated 34,000 people through contacts at exhibits, workshops, and conferences.
- ◆ WCPG continues to speak to a variety of groups—EAP, social service departments, counselors, people working with the elderly, Dept. of Corrections, etc. to provide education and awareness on the compulsive gambling addiction.
- ◆ WCPG continues to distribute our quarterly newsletter to over 5,500 people.
- ◆ A workplace brochure continues to be distributed to generate more awareness in the workplace environment.
- ◆ A legislative newsletter is distributed quarterly to all Legislators in Wisconsin.
- ◆ A brochure geared towards parents continues to be distributed.

SAVE THE DATE ~ April 17, 2021

Start the Conversation

5k Run/Walk for mental health, addiction and suicide prevention

Event Support

Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County
Fond du Lac School District

Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling

Fond du Lac Area YScreen

2020-2021 Training Registration Form

PHASE 1 OBJECTIVES:

- ◆ History and prevalence of gambling and problem gambling
- ◆ Types of gamblers
- ◆ Definitions of gambling
- ◆ Screening and assessment
- ◆ Co-morbid and co-occurring disorders
- ◆ Family counseling
- ◆ Group and individual counseling strategies and treatment approaches to problem gambling

*Phase 1 is a prerequisite for Phase 2.

PHASE 3 OBJECTIVES:

- ◆ Multicultural issues and problem gambling (Hispanics, African Americans and Asians)
- ◆ Women and problem gambling
- ◆ Special populations: Adolescents
- ◆ Special populations: Older adults
- ◆ Special populations: Women
- ◆ Generational factors and gambling issues
- ◆ Military experience and gambling risk factors

*Must provide proof of Phase 1 and 2 completion.

PHASE 2 OBJECTIVES:

- ◆ Self-help programs and natural recovery
- ◆ Motivational enhancement and the use of harm reduction
- ◆ ASAM Criteria
- ◆ Neurotransmitters and communication in the brain
- ◆ Psychopharmacology: Research, cautions, and treatment
- ◆ Legal issues
- ◆ Workplace warning signs
- ◆ Mind, Body, and Spirit: Practical advances in gambling treatment

*Must provide proof of Phase 1 completion.

- ◆ Problem gambling and relapse
- ◆ Professional code and ethical standards
- ◆ Financial planning for recovery
- ◆ Prevention efforts
- ◆ Signs of problem gambling in the workplace and EAP
- ◆ Relapse prevention
- ◆ Group and individual counseling National certification standards/National certification exam

*Must provide proof of Phase 1, 2 and 3 completion.

To pay by credit card please register online at:

<http://wi-problemgamblers.org/conferencetraining/wcpg's-gambling-disorder-training-program-phase-1-4>

Training Location

Milwaukee:

Four Points by Sheraton—
Milwaukee North Shore
8900 N Kildeer Ct
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Mail Registration with check or money order to:

WCPG
1585 Allouez Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54311

Phase 1 - 4 Times

Thursday:

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(1 hour lunch)

Friday:

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(1 hour lunch)

Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is necessary.

For help, call: 1-800-GAMBLE-5 or text 920-888-HOPE

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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.