



# WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

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## NFL launches comprehensive responsible betting education and awareness initiative

The National Football League (NFL) today announced the launch of an extensive, integrated league-wide responsible betting public awareness program designed to educate fans who choose to engage in sports betting to do so responsibly. The key message encourages people to play responsibly by sticking to a game plan, including setting a budget to know their limits, using licensed, regulated operators, and asking for help if they need it. The core message of the campaign's creative is **“Stick to Your Game Plan. Always Bet Responsibly.”**

As part of this initiative, the NFL has made a multimillion-dollar, multi-year commitment to significantly expand its long-standing partnership with the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG). NCPG is the leading advocacy group committed to addressing problem gambling through public education programs and help services. The NFL’s funding will enable the NCPG to launch a National Grant Program to fund enhanced services offered by local and statewide providers, as well as innovative prevention programs, including expansion of youth-facing curricula. The league’s support will also transform the National Problem Gambling Helpline system and allow for the development of improved communications tools, including a new website, [www.responsibleplay.org](http://www.responsibleplay.org), that will provide the public with quick tips about betting safely and support resources for those in need.

### \*\* Save the Date \*\*

23rd Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference

Milwaukee Marriott West - Waukesha, WI

March 17-18, 2022 (Pre-conference March 16)

For more information call 920-437-8888,

email [wcp@wi-problemgamblers.org](mailto:wcp@wi-problemgamblers.org), or visit our website at [wi-problemgamblers.org](http://wi-problemgamblers.org)

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**“Help, Hope, and Harmony Through Awareness, Education, and Prevention”  
The 22nd Annual Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference  
was a huge success!**

The Twenty-First Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was a huge success with 75 people attending the two day conference. This year’s conference was held September 16 and 17,

**Speakers included:**

- ◆ Andrew Bailey (Wisconsin)
- ◆ Jerry Bauerkemper (Texas)
- ◆ Fred Dyer (Minnesota)
- ◆ Ann Frintner (Wisconsin)
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- ◆ Scott Webb (Wisconsin)
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**The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling would like to thank the following for their generous contributions to the Twenty-Second Annual WCPG Statewide Conference:**

**Major Sponsors:**

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**Topics included:**

“Ethics of Technology in 21st Century Psychotherapy”, “Engaging Recovery in Times of Chaos”, “How Most Financial Advisors Get It Wrong: What Makes Gamblers’ Family Financial Pictures So Different”, Grief and Recovery: Similarities and Differences Between Substance Abuse and Gambling”, “Problem Gambling and Mental Health Issues for Athletes”, “Re-entry Challenges of Emerging Adults with Problem Gambling Behaviors/Disorders Back Into the Community”, “You Bet Your Life: Addressing Problem Gambling in Correctional Settings”, “Living Your Values, Multiplying Your Positive Feelings, Avoid Covid-19 Fatigue/Burnout”, Groups: Therapy, Recovery, Support, and Fun”, “Trinity Irish Dancers”, The Compulsive Gambler, Mind Games, Manipulations, and Relationships”, How Do YOU Define Gambling?”, “Supervision During Times of Uncertainty and Unknowns?”, “Addictions at the Verge: What Happens When Addictions Combine and What Happens to Gambling?”, “Bearing Witness to Pain: Coping with Secondary Trauma”, The Two Sides of Risk Taking: Adaptive Trait yet Contributor to Problem Gambling”, and “Youth Gambling: Trends, Prevention, and Treatment”

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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.

**Outstanding Achievement Award - Chris Gruber** - This award is given to an individual in recognition of excellence in providing services, resources, and long term devotion to problem gamblers and the WCPG.

**Spirit Award - Scott A. Webb** - This award is given for true spirit that is reflected in their passion, concern, creativity in their personal and community life and in their interest in the compulsive gambling field. This award is in honor of their outstanding contribution and excellence in support of the WCPG.

**Recognition - Maynard & Carolyn Zima** - Recognized for over 20 years of volunteering at WCPG Conferences. The Zima’s are a perfect example of great volunteers. They both jump in and help wherever needed. The Zima’s have been a beacon of light through their volunteering for the WCPG.

**Recognition - Diana Abelt** - Congratulations on 20 years! One Day at a Time!

**Recognition - Patricia Jirovetz** - The WCPG recognized Pat Jirovetz for her 8 years as WCPG Board President. Pat has been a leader in helping the WCPG carry out its mission of providing resources, education and awareness on gambling disorders. We are grateful for the hard work, dedication and perseverance Pat gave as president of the board.



**5th Annual “Start the Conversation” 5K Run/Walk**

**About the Event**

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling, Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County, and Fond du Lac Area YScreen are partnering for the 5th Annual 5K Run/Walk “Start the Conversation,” which will be held in person on April 23rd, 2022, at Lakeside Park, Fond du Lac, and virtually from April 16-22, 2022.

The primary goal for the 5th annual 5K Run/Walk is to continue the conversation about mental health, addiction, and suicide prevention. This time of year was chosen because March is Gambling Awareness month, April is Addiction Awareness month, and May is Mental Health Awareness month. We hope to have folks return from last year as well as encourage first-time participants to experience the accomplishment of completing the 5K. The opportunity to have our furry dog friends also participate only enhances the event. Please look for more information on our website at [wi-problemgamblers.org](http://wi-problemgamblers.org)



**Date: 4/23/22**  
**Start Time: 9 AM**  
**End Time: 12 PM**

# Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling "The Stakes Are High" Intro Training

Location: Metropolis Resort  
5150 Fairview Drive  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Date: April 29, 2022  
Time: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Cost: \$20.00 - CEU Hours: 6

CEU certifications applied for:  
NAADAC EACC  
WAMFT NASW  
IGCCB

All participants will learn about the far reaching effects of problem gambling. Information will be given on high risk populations, co-occurring disorders, types of gamblers and the differences between this and other addictions.



## Phase 3 and 4 Training 15 Continuing Education Units for each Phase

January 13 - 14, 2022 (Phase 3)

Objectives: Multicultural issues related to gambling; Special populations including adolescents, Older Adults, Women; Generational factors; Military experience and gambling.

February 10 - 11, 2022 (Phase 4)

Objectives: Problem Gambling and Relapse; professional code and ethical standards; financial planning in recovery; prevention efforts; signs of gambling in the workplace and EAP; relapse prevention; group and individual counseling; national certification standards/exam.

Phase 3 - \$125

Phase 4 - \$125

Phase 3 and 4 together - \$175

Training at: Holiday Inn Pewaukee  
N14 W24140 Tower Place  
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Cost covers training, lunch is on your own.

Training is 8 am - 5 pm with an hour for lunch (Day 1). Training is 8 am - 4 pm with an hour for lunch (Day 2).

Please see website for more information: [www.wi-problemgamblers.org](http://www.wi-problemgamblers.org)



Online Registration and payments are available.

See our website for details.

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## ***FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:***

*As 2021 begins to wind down, I want to thank everyone who has supported the WCPG throughout this year. To all of our financial supporters, we wouldn't be here without you and are forever grateful. To everyone that attended our 22nd Annual Conference at the Milwaukee Marriott West in September or one of our Phase trainings throughout the year, thank you. To our WCPG Board members who give countless hours to committees and meetings, we are blessed. To our Call Responders who answer the Helpline, thank you for being there for our callers in crisis. Working together, we can continue to provide statewide services to anyone who is affected by problem gambling disorders. The staff at the WCPG says a million thanks to each and every one of you. We look forward to working with you in 2022 as we continue to provide services to those dealing with problem gambling disorders. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

*Rose Blozinski*  
Rose Blozinski  
WCPG Executive Director



# **GIFT RESPONSIBLY**

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling announced its commitment as a Level 1 supporter of the 2021 Gift Responsibly Campaign, joining more than 80 other lotteries and community organizations from across the US and Canada, and around the world. The campaign is organized by the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) and the International Center for Youth Gambling Problems and High-Risk Behaviors at McGill University. It is endorsed by the World Lottery Association (WLA) and the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL). This announcement demonstrates the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling's commitment to corporate social responsibility through the Gift Responsibly Campaign, which raises awareness about the risks associated with giving lottery products as gifts to minors during the holiday season -- or any time of the year. "Research linking early exposure to gambling to future problem gambling and other risky behaviors is why the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling is involved in the campaign. Our message is a simple one: lottery tickets are appropriate gifts only for adults."

**Lottery Tickets  
Aren't Child's Play.**

**GIFT RESPONSIBLY**

For help: Call: 1-800-GAMBLE-5 (1-800-426-2535)

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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](mailto: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.