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“Building Tomorrow’s Vision Through Awareness, Education, and Prevention” 23rd Annual Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference

The Twenty-Third Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was a huge success. This year’s conference was held March 17th and 18th, 2022 at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha.

Speakers included:

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| Jerry Bauerkemper (Texas) | LeAnne Holden (Wisconsin) |
| Heather Chapman (Ohio) | Abby Janssen (Wisconsin) |
| Brett & Sara Devine (Wisconsin) | Doug LaBelle (Wisconsin) |
| Brianne Doura-Schawohl (Virginia) | Ed Ramsey (Wisconsin) |
| Bill Ginsberg (Wisconsin) | Loreen Rugle (Ohio) |
| Jim Harrison (Wisconsin) | Andrew Schreier (Wisconsin) |

Topics included:

- ◆ How to Supervise Gambling Counselors for Increased Success
- ◆ Gambling and Suicide
- ◆ Rules of Engagement: Essential Lessons Working with Veterans
- ◆ Facilitating Change: Science Backed Gambling Treatment Tools
- ◆ Journey Through a Gambler’s Mind: Beginning in Infancy, How This Gambling Addict’s Brain Has Been Shaped
- ◆ Approach to Sports Betting
- ◆ How to Cultivate and Maximize Legislative Initiatives to Strengthen Problem Gambling Awareness and Programs
- ◆ Understanding the Criminal Justice System
- ◆ How to Identify and Deal With the Financial Problems That May Arise From Problem Gambling
- ◆ Drum Circles: An Alternative and Holistic Approach to Treatment
- ◆ Daughter, Wife, Mom, Employee - The Many Faces of Women Gamblers
- ◆ Setting and Keeping Healthy Boundaries with Your Gambler
- ◆ Responsible Gambling or Harm Reduction? - Clinical Differences and Goals
- ◆ From Relapse to Recovery Through Self-Reconciliation
- ◆ The Heart of Problem Gambling: Compassion and Self-Compassion in Treatment, Public Awareness and Responsible Gambling
- ◆ Gambling-Informed Ethics
- ◆ Gambling Among Substance Use Populations

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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 ~ Diana Abelt ~ 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.

Spirit Award ~ Andrew J. Schreier ~ This award is given for the 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.

Outstanding Achievement Award ~ Kami Blatter ~ 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.

Special Recognition Award ~ Tarra Van Schyndel ~ 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.

National Council on Problem Gambling will hold its 36th National Conference on Gambling Addiction and Responsible Gambling July 20-23, 2022, in Boston, MA. For more information visit www.ncpgambling.org

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Thank You

The Twenty-third Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was held on March 17-18, 2022, at the Milwaukee Marriott West. We appreciate all the support the WCPG receives for the conference and throughout the year.

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-third 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, Carolyn Bickel, Rick Blozinski, James Bolek, Kathy Diny, Kristine Drath, Jakob Hannon, LeAnne Holden, Mollie Massart, Judy Ramsey, Carolyn Zima, and Maynard Zima. We are so very appreciative and thankful to all of our 2022 conference presenters. We are grateful to our participants for their part in making this conference a success.

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.

I would like to thank the WCPG staff for all of their energy and efforts in planning and providing the conference - Cheri Braley, Alta Valenta, and Chris Gruber.

Just a reminder, planning has begun for next year's 24th Conference to be held at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI on March 16-17, 2023.

Thank you for a great 23rd Annual Conference!
Rose Blozinski

WCPG Executive Director

~TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES~

Webinars

Trauma, Grief, and Forgiveness: The Path to Healing

Date: September 14, 2022 ~ 10:00am - 11:30am

Domestic Violence and Gambling, The Relationship, The Concerns

October 12, 2022 ~ 10:00am - 11:30am

Cost for each: \$20 1.5 CEUs

**From Gambling to Gambling Disorder - A Clinical Perspective
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Location:

Milwaukee
Residence Inn by Marriott
Milwaukee North/Glendale
7003 N Port Washington Road
Glendale, WI 53217

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:

Session 1-October 6-7, 2022
Session 2-November 10-11, 2022
Session 3-January 12-13, 2023
Session 4-February 9-10, 2023

Total Cost:

Sessions taken separately: \$125 each
Session 1 & Session 2: \$175
Session 3 & Session 4: \$175
All Four Sessions: \$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.