



WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

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1st Annual 5k Run/Walk Start the Conversation Great Success Plans are Underway for 2018

Fond du Lac, WI - The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling and Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County partnered for the 1st Annual 5K Run/Walk *Start the Conversation* on April 8, 2017 at Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac.

“We are absolutely delighted with having 80 registrants for our first event,” shared Pat Jirovetz of the Wisconsin Gambling Council. “This was a terrific opportunity to begin an awareness campaign about addiction with a positive activity such as a walk run. We had many first-time participants and to see them cross the finish line and experience that accomplishment was more than we could have hoped for.”

“Runners who are seeking their times are welcome to access this link on the DFC website <http://www.drugfreefdl.com/sft678/20175krun-walktimes.pdf>, we look forward to returning and new participants next year.” Ellen Sorensen of Drug Free Communities shared, “Next year’s event will take place on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Watch both websites for information updates.”

Sponsors for this first time event include: Dental Associates, Agnesian HealthCare, dear prudence shoppe, Window World, Creative Calm Counseling, LLC, KFIZ, 107.1 The Bull, Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling, New Vision Signs, Decals and Screen Printing, festival foods and Culvers on West Johnson Street in Fond du Lac.

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling is funded by a public awareness grant from the State of Wisconsin and additional funding from donors, including Wisconsin Native American Tribes. The Council operates a 24-hour Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLE-5, distributes informational brochures, organizes an annual statewide conference, makes presentations on problem gambling and conducts training sessions for treatment providers interested in the special requirements for working with compulsive gamblers and their families.

For more information on what you can do to reduce underage drinking or prescription drug misuse, visit the Drug Free Communities website at www.drugfreefdl.com, call 920-906-6700 ext 4704, or find us on Facebook.

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