



Problem Gambling Conference Opens Thursday

Counselors, social workers, clergy, legislators and others will gather this week for the **16th Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference**. The two-day event takes place **March 12-13** at the **Osthoff Resort** in Elkhart Lake.

“The conference provides an opportunity to discuss problem gambling issues and present information to those who work with problem and compulsive gamblers throughout the state,” said Rose Gruber, Executive Director of the [Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling](#) (WCPG). “It’s crucial that people understand that gambling can be addictive and that there are resources and services available to help problem and compulsive gamblers in Wisconsin.”

This year’s statewide conference features an impressive line-up of keynote speakers and presenters. “Topics of discussion include gambling and millennials, living with a problem gambler, a cultural history of gambling, problem gambling and special populations and other important, timely topics,” Gruber said.

The keynote speakers for the conference include Wiley D. Harwell, Don Feeney, Jon E. Grant, Marlene Warner, Philip S. Kopel and Comma Williams.

The theme for this year’s conference is “Building the Future Through Awareness, Education & Prevention.” The conference is geared toward people involved in gambling treatment, prevention or research, including counselors, clergy, social workers and human resource professionals as well as state, municipal and tribal officials and compulsive gamblers and their families.

For a complete conference schedule, visit the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling website at www.wi-problemgamblers.org.

