



WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

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Gambling addictions impact more than just the gambler *13th annual problem gambling conference set for March in the Dells*

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(Green Bay, WI) – Gambling today is an accepted part of the social landscape throughout the country. Nearly all states have some form of legalized gambling – from lotteries and scratch off tickets to casinos and off-track betting. Betting on major sports is common. Gambling comes into the home through poker on cable and the Internet.

For most, gambling is simply a form of entertainment. But for some, gambling can be a problem that affects the gambler, his or her family, friends and even co-workers. It's estimated that five percent to seven percent of Wisconsin's population are problem or compulsive gamblers.

The impact and issues of problem gambling will take center stage at the [13th Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference](#). The conference is set for **March 10-11** at the [Kalahari Resort & Convention Center](#) in Wisconsin Dells.

The theme for this year's conference is...“Your Ticket to Success Through Awareness, Education & Prevention.” Conference speakers and panelists will cover a range of topics, including:

- Teen gambling
- Preventing relapses
- Intervention with problem / pathological gamblers
- Female compulsive gamblers
- The older problem gambler
- And more

“Our annual conference is a great opportunity to focus attention on this serious problem in Wisconsin,” said Rose Gruber, Executive Director of the [Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling](#) (WCPG). “The line-up for the conference includes some of the most knowledgeable people on all aspects of problem and compulsive gambling.”

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Anyone interested in problem or compulsive gambling is invited to attend the conference. It's designed to provide information and discussion for a wide range of people from those active in treating, preventing or researching problem gambling to criminal justice staff, educators, clergy, tribal and government officials, human resource and employee assistance professionals, gaming industry personnel, compulsive gamblers and their family members, and others.

The conference will also include two four-hour pre-conference workshops on Wednesday, March 9. "Wholistic Health, the Process of Addiction and Proactive Recovery" will be led by Judith Dancing, while Daniel Smith will lead... "As Time Passed: A Workshop on Step 4 Inventories."

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

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