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**COUNCIL RECEIVES SPONSORSHIP FROM
 POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO**

Potawatomi Bingo Casino has awarded a \$50,000 sponsorship to the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling (WCPG) for 2008. A portion of the money will be used in support of the Council's annual statewide conference. The conference funding helps provide scholarships, meal sponsorship, and financial assistance in printing the conference brochure.

Another portion of this sponsorship supports the WCPG's 24 hour Problem Gambling Helpline, 1-800-GAMBLE-5. Information and referrals are available to people across the state.

Funds are earmarked for specialized problem gambling training for Treatment Providers in the Milwaukee area. We continue to see an increase in requests for training in the Milwaukee and surrounding areas. This sponsorship will allow people to attend trainings who otherwise might not have the opportunity to do so.

The Council is very excited about its partnership with the Potawatomi Bingo Casino. This sponsorship provides for the development and expansion of programs that provide services to compulsive gamblers and their loved ones.

We're very thankful for the support of the Potawatomi Bingo Casino. Although gambling is an entertaining pastime for most participants, an estimated 5-7 percent of the population develops a problem with gambling.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with Potawatomi Bingo Casino in helping compulsive gamblers in the state of Wisconsin.

Thank you so much,
 Rose Gruber
 WCPG Executive Director

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To climb steep hills requires a slow pace at first.
Shakespeare

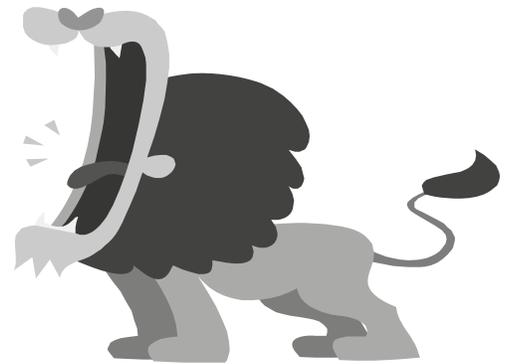
► The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling will be hosting its 11th Annual Statewide Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference.

Deadline to submit application
September 1, 2008

► The conference will take place on March 19 & 20, 2009, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Please fill out the attached "Call for Presenters Application". If submitting more than one presentation, please copy and complete an application form for each submission.



Suggested Presentation Areas Include (but are not limited to):

- Assessment and Treatment
- Public Policy
- Outcome and Social Cost
- Prevention and Impact of Gambling
- Effects on Select Populations
- Topics Concerning Adolescents, Older Adults and Women
- Intervention

Who Attends This Conference?

- People involved in research, treatment and prevention of problem gambling
- Criminal Justice Personnel
- Mental Health Professionals
- Employee Assistance Personnel
- Human Resource Staff
- Gaming Industry Personnel
- Educators and Students
- Compulsive Gamblers
- Elected Officials
- Friends and Family Members of Problem Gamblers

TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Call for Presenters Application

Submissions missing the required information will not be considered.

Name _____ Credentials _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Honorarium _____

Please submit application with a brief biography or resume.

Presentation Title _____

Please list at least three (3) goals and objectives for your presentation as well as a brief paragraph describing your presentation. (Please print or attach typewritten proposal.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Description of Presentation

Signature _____ Date _____

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Upcoming Trainings
Contact WCPG for more details.
920-437-8888
or
wcpgamble5@new.rr.com

Green Bay Phase 3 & 4 Trainings

DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION	Registration Deadline
September 11-12, 2008	Phase 3	1423 Kellogg St Green Bay, WI	September 3, 2008
October 9-10, 2008	Phase 4	1423 Kellogg St Green Bay, WI	October 1, 2008

Mini Grant Applications

The WCPG is currently accepting mini-grant applications for community based public awareness projects for the 2008-2009 grant year. Grants are generally between \$2,000 and \$5,000. To be considered, projects must meet the following specifications:

- Be tax-exempt pursuant to the Internal Revenue code 501(c) and have an IRS determination letter.
- Serve the people of Wisconsin.
- Operate, choose a governing board, and provide services without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, age, sexual preference or national origin.
- Applying organizations must maintain neutrality on the issue of legalized gambling.

The mini-grant will serve as an enhancement to the statewide public awareness campaign being provided by the WCPG. These grants are for groups, organizations or agencies that are interested in promoting public awareness for compulsive gambling in their community. Public awareness can be broadly defined, but the proposal needs to be directed to Wisconsin residents and support the WCPG mission of educating the public about problem gambling and the resources available to address these issues.

For an application and more information, contact us at (920)437-8888. The mini-grant application deadline is July 31, 2008.

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A Look at the Military and Overseas Gambling

There has been a phenomenal growth in the availability and accessibility of legal gambling, including gaming machines in formerly non-gambling venues, one of the most recent being the internet. Like the civilian population, military personnel and their families are finding more gambling available to them wherever they live. Gambling is forbidden on domestic bases but not on overseas bases. Slot machines used to be allowed on stateside bases, but after a public scandal involving the suicide of two airmen with gambling problems, the slots were removed stateside. Personnel living on overseas bases however have any number of mini-casinos to go into, regulated and non-regulated. There is no way of regulating the internet gambling that happens both in the states and overseas.

Gambling has always been popular in the military as a means to combat stress boredom and loneliness that soldiers face. Poker games have always been popular and flourish on bases although the regulations are vague on such "social games" similar to the civilian world. The armed services play a unique role as operator, regulator, and beneficiary of gambling on overseas military bases. Slots and video gambling at overseas bases brought in about \$185 million for Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs last year (2007). The Military argue that if they did not get the money from the revenue from gambling the Service members would have to pay for these services from their pockets.

Service members tend to have a higher risk of developing into problem gamblers than does the general population. They're mostly male, younger, and made up of racial and ethnic minorities-populations that have been shown to have a higher incidence of problem gambling. The Department of Defense Health Behavior Studies in 1998, 2000, and 2002 all found between 5 percent and 9 percent of military personnel had experienced a gambling-related problem in their lifetime, and about 2 percent (about 30,000 of the total force at the time) fit the classification for pathological gambling problems.

The Military has a high level of risk factors coupled with an almost nonexistent level of services to counter those risks. Plus, members of the military are often reluctant to seek help because they don't want to jeopardize their careers. For the individuals that do seek treatment, there is no coordinated, formal responsible-gaming effort, and military's sole treatment program for active-duty gamblers was recently closed, leaving service members few options for getting help. In the past two years, two Navy inpatient programs dealing with gambling addiction- one in California, one on Okinawa-were closed. The program had been successfully rehabilitating problem gamblers in the military for over a decade.

The Military recently put two regulations into effect; 1-Gambling is prohibited between people of different rank. The military does not want a private to owe money to a general or vice versa. 2- Effective March 1, 2007 Internet Gambling transactions initiated with Armed Forces Bank Visa Check Card or Business Debit Card will be declined. These transactions will no longer be allowed in accordance with the Unlawful Internet Gambling Act of 2006 which was signed into law by President Bush on October 13,



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At the table with Keith Whyte December 1, 2006, Gaming Law Review



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The Wisconsin Council On Problem Gambling provides resources, public awareness and education on problem and pathological gambling disorders while maintaining strict neutrality on the issue of legalized gambling.

Our goals are to:

- Promote public education and awareness of pathological and problem gambling disorders.
- Maintain a toll-free statewide Helpline where pathological and problem gamblers and their families can call for immediate and continuing assistance in dealing with the addiction.
- Advocate quality assistance for all individuals affected by gambling problems.
- Identify "high risk" individuals and groups of problem and pathological gamblers and provide prevention activities and information.
- Provide expert training to professional counselors in the treatment of pathological and problem gamblers.
- Compile and maintain a database of statistical information concerning problem and pathological gambling in Wisconsin.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT:

The WCPG is currently accepting volunteers. Anyone interested in donating their skills and time to the organization by answering Helpline calls or 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 Cheri at (920)437-8888 or email her at:
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