

# WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

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1-800-GAMBLE-5

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A GOODBYE TO:

My Dearly Beloved:

I am writing you to say goodbye. This is the second most difficult thing I have ever done in my life! You have meant so much to me for so many years.

I remember when I first met you, you were so beautiful. I was attached to you right away; I knew that I wanted you. It was love at first sight.

With you I could relax. I came home tired and angry, frustrated by all I had to do and you were there for me. We could go out and have fun. You were not that expensive to be with. You pushed away my anger; you made me feel important, like I was somebody! You took the anger away. At home we could sit down on the internet and I had fun with you, but then you began to get more expensive and I was spending more money and time with you that I could not afford. You maxed out all of my credit cards yet I still wanted to be with you more and more and you wanted to be with me. My family, my friends, my higher power became unimportant. You, only you my love, that's all I wanted.

I loved you so, and yet you were destroying me! I spent more money and more time with you, sometimes all night long. I had troubles sleeping, you were taking me away from my work, I could not eat, and I didn't care if I lived or died. I couldn't live with you and I couldn't live without you. The creditors were calling me all the time, yet I thought that I would be a big winner with you.

We have been apart now for a while, yet I still wanted you back and I knew I realized we must never be together again. You are too powerful and very expensive. I could not live with you anymore. I miss you very much.

I didn't think I could live apart from you. At first I would have done anything to be with you, but the longer we have been apart the more I know I can never be with you again. I am helpless and powerless when I'm with you.

And so my love, I am writing to say goodbye, forever. We must never meet again.

Again my love, Goodbye.

GOODBYE!

Richard Stanchfield 4-15-1980

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## National Gambling Counselor Certification

***Notice: Grandparenting period ends 4-2007***

Please note the change in education criteria for the most widely recognized credential in the gambling treatment field. As of April of 2007 the National Gambling Counselor Certification Board will require a Bachelor's degree in behavioral health or equivalent in addition to the criteria below. For further information or application please go to [www.ncpgambling.org](http://www.ncpgambling.org) and click on Counselor Certification to download the application packet and required criteria. All counselors are welcome to apply; staff will assist you in review of requirements and how many you may already have. All applicants need a minimum of 300 hrs. education in behavioral health and all need to take and pass the National Gambling Counselor Examination.

### **Level I : Education and Experience**

-30 hrs. approved gambling specific training,  
-100 hrs. supervised work with gamblers and /or families.

### **Level II: Education and Experience**

-60 hrs. approved gambling specific training.  
-2000hrs. supervised work with gamblers and/or families.

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### **Further details on National Certification**

For counselors already licensed or certified in a behavioral health field the 300 hr. requirement is waived. As of 4-07 this requirement will be dropped and replaced with a Bachelor's degree in behavioral health requirement. Supervised practice hours must be done in an approved setting; volunteer hours and paid experience are accepted. Such hours include face-to-face contact hours **AND** documentation time, treatment planning meetings, staffing, **EAP** and court case preparations. Please contact us if you would like to apply now for National Gambling Certification.

***For more information [www.ncpgambling.org](http://www.ncpgambling.org) or e-mail: [ncpgambling@aol.com](mailto:ncpgambling@aol.com)***

## Free Seminar!



**Where:** JP Coughlin Center, Oshkosh, WI

**When:** Friday, September 22, 2006

**Time:** 9am—1pm

**Deadline:** September 14, 2006

4 CEU's will be awarded.

Please call WCPG at **920-437-8888** for a brochure or to register.



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The conference is  
over and trainings  
are running smoothly.  
Puzzled about what  
the WCPG is up to?  
Look inside.

Check out this newsletter on the web at:  
[www.wi-problemgamblers.org](http://www.wi-problemgamblers.org)

**The Wisconsin Council On Problem Gambling promotes 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: [wcpgamble5-cheri@new.rr.com](mailto:wcpgamble5-cheri@new.rr.com).

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THIS IS HOW CHARACTER IS BUILT.” ELEANOR ROOSEVELT