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**The Wisconsin Council On Problem Gambling, Inc. 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.

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**Spring 2013**

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**The Fourteenth Annual Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference was a huge success!**

The Fourteenth Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was a huge success with 122 people attending the two day conference. Our first conference was held in 1999 and there were 77 participants in attendance.

This year's conference was held March 14 & 15 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay, WI. Many attendees came from different areas of Wisconsin as well as Canada, Minnesota, Michigan, North Dakota, and Illinois to attend the conference.

**Speakers included:**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Christopher Anderson (Illinois) | Patricia Jirovetz (Wisconsin) |
| Jerry Bauerkemper (Nebraska)    | Michael Klitzke (Wisconsin)   |
| Don Beaucage (New Mexico)       | Doug LaBelle (Wisconsin)      |
| Scott Caldwell (Wisconsin)      | Marjorie Nixon (Wisconsin)    |
| Lynn Daubert (Wisconsin)        | Candace Peters (Iowa)         |
| Bill Deluney (Canada)           | Dan Smith (Missouri)          |
| Joanna Franklin (Maryland)      | Ron Turner (Wisconsin)        |
| Michael Goldman (Illinois)      | Mark Wesenberg (Wisconsin)    |

**Topics included:**

Problem Gambling and the Brain: Updates and Trends; It's My Life and I'll Do What I Want, Thank You Very Much— How Gambling Affects Older Adults; Utilizing Recovery Coaching; Drum Circles-Part 1 & 2; Impacts of Side Effects: Real and More Than Words on a Label; Application of Screening and Brief Intervention; Ethics Training; Recovery Oriented Systems of Care: Where Does Gambling Fit?; Role of Cognitive Distortion in Compulsive Gambling; Engaging Schools & Community in Responsible Gambling Awareness; Assessing Suicide Risk and Treating Depression for Compulsive Gamblers; Authentic or Virtual Recovery: God, Gambling, Grief and Grace; Clinical Supervision; Group Issues and Concerns: How to Deal with Problems that May Arise in Group Sessions; May You Walk in Beauty, and Discover You Already Have: Mindfulness and the Shadow Side of the Fourth Step; Applying the Latest Gambling Research Into Your Practice, and a Compulsive Gambling Panel: Exploring the Different Faces of Gambling.

**The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling would like to thank the following for their generous contributions toward the Fourteenth Annual WCPG Statewide Conference:**

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## Major Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Annual Sponsors / Donors

### Potawatomi Bingo Casino Sponsorship

The WCPG would like to extend a big thank you to the Potawatomi Bingo Casino for the 2013 Sponsorship it has provided. Through the generosity of the Potawatomi Bingo Casino Sponsorship we will be able to provide Phase 1-4 trainings in the Milwaukee area. Sponsorship was provided for the Fourteenth Annual Conference and 15 scholarships were awarded. The sponsorship also provides assistance for the operation of the 24-hour Helpline and fundraising consultation. We are continually grateful for the on-going support we receive from Potawatomi. Their partnership gives us the opportunity to continue and expand resources for problem gamblers and their families.

### Ho-Chunk Nation Donation

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling would like to thank the Ho-Chunk Nation for their generous donation to the Council. The financial support will be used in our mission of helping those persons and their families adversely affected by problem gambling. This generous donation will help support WCPG's programs and administrative responsibilities. We are greatly appreciative of the support Ho-Chunk provides to the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling.

## Award Recipients

Awards were given to the following individuals who have gone above and beyond in helping the Council achieve its mission of education and promoting public awareness of problem gambling and the disorder of compulsive gambling.

### Outstanding Volunteer Award:

This award was given to Cathy Allen-Schneider who has shown long term devotion and unending support of the Council, and has volunteered innumerable hours toward helping the mission of the WCPG.

### Helpline Recognition Award:

This award was presented to Marge Allen-Trinkner. Marge has been instrumental in the continued growth of the 24 hour Helpline, and has shown strong support and dedication to the expansion of the Helpline, the WCPG and its mission.

### Outstanding Volunteer Award:

This award was given to Carolyn Bickel who has shown long term devotion and unending support of the Council, and has volunteered countless hours toward helping the mission of the WCPG.

### Spirit Award:

This award was given to Jeffrey Court for his true spirit that is reflected in his passion, concern and creativity in his personal and community life, and in his interest in the compulsive gambling field. This award is in honor of his outstanding contributions and excellence in support of the WCPG.

### Outstanding Volunteer Award:

This award was given to Kathleen Diny who has shown long term devotion and unending support of the Council and has volunteered innumerable hours toward helping the mission of the WCPG.



## Fourth Annual Northern Wisconsin Substance Abuse Counseling Conference

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling will be presenting a Phase 1 – Pathological Gambling Training.



October 17 & 18, 2013 AmericInn, Ashland, WI.

For more information email: [northernwiconference@gmail.com](mailto:northernwiconference@gmail.com)



27<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING  
**CONNECTIONS 2013**  
Building Partnerships



This conference has brought together leaders in prevention, education, treatment, responsible gambling, research and recovery to present the latest developments in their fields. The conference features high-quality content designed for a multitude of participants – from professionals who work with people experiencing problems with gambling to newcomers experiencing gambling issues.

July 19-20, 2013, Seattle, Washington

For more information check online at: [ncpgambling.org/Conference](http://ncpgambling.org/Conference)

## The Twenty-Ninth Annual National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Conference

This unique rural alcohol and drug abuse conference provides participants the opportunity to personally interact with other rural alcohol and drug abuse professionals, federal agency representatives, and nationally known institute faculty and resource persons. **Phase 1 Training is being offered at the NRADAN Conference this year. Scholarships are available.**

June 9-13, 2013 at UW-Stout  
[www.uwstout.edu/profed/nri](http://www.uwstout.edu/profed/nri)

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Fifteenth Annual Wisconsin  
Council on Problem Gambling  
Statewide Conference



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Calendars!

**Thank You**

The Fourteenth Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was held on March 14th and 15th, 2013. We appreciate all the support the WCPG receives for the conference and throughout the year.

The staff and Board of Directors of the WCPG would like to offer a huge "Thank you" to the State of Wisconsin for making the conference possible. A big thanks goes to all of the other conference sponsors who helped to make our Fourteenth Annual Statewide Conference a great success. We are also thankful for everyone who provided scholarships to the conference. Scholarships help to provide opportunities for people to attend who might otherwise not be able to do so.

We are so grateful to all of our volunteers who helped us before and during the conference. Our volunteers provide countless hours and help in hundreds of ways. Another thank you goes to conference presenters, exhibitors, and participants for their part in making this conference a success.

My heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone that helped in any way to make our Fourteenth Annual Conference a success. Your participation continues to help compulsive gamblers and their families find the assistance they need as they deal with this debilitating problem.

Just a reminder- planning has begun for next year's conference, which will be held March 20th and 21st, 2014 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Save the dates!

A million thanks to all of you,



Rose Gruber  
WCPG Executive Director



**Many Thanks**

Many thanks to all of you who helped make this year's conference a success; your effort and expertise are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Cheri Braley, Meg Hemery, Frieda Turos, Peggy Schlapman, Chris Gruber, Mark Wesenberg, Lynne Daubert, Cathy Allen-Schneider, Kathy Diny, Judy Ramsey, Maynard & Carolyn Zima, James Bolek, Beth Pahnke, Andrea Mergen, Diana Abelt, Susan Hengst, Carolyn Bickel, Lynn Allard and Andrea Rathsack.

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Rose

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- Sign up for all 4 Phases and receive a \$100.00 discount!
- Get 3 people from the same agency to attend and receive a 10% discount off the Total!

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**2013 GREEN BAY TRAINING SCHEDULE**

DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
September 12-13, 2013	Phase 3	1423 Kellogg Street Green Bay, WI	September 5, 2013
October 10-11, 2013	Phase 4	1423 Kellogg Street Green Bay, WI	October 3, 2013

**2013 MILWAUKEE TRAINING SCHEDULE**

DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
May 2-3, 2013	Phase 4	7065 N. Port Washington Road Milwaukee, WI	April 25, 2013
September 19-20, 2013	Phase 1	7065 N. Port Washington Road Milwaukee, WI	September 12, 2013
October 3-4, 2013	Phase 2	7065 N. Port Washington Road Milwaukee, WI	September 26, 2013

The WCPG would like to acknowledge the passing of Durand Frank "Dewey" Jacobs. Dr. Jacobs was recognized by The International Centre for Youth Gambling and High Risk Behaviors at McGill University for pioneering contributions to the field of youth gambling and by the University of Nevada for lifelong contributions to gambling research and policy. In 1972 he was instrumental in establishing the first inpatient treatment program for compulsive gamblers. Dewey was a past presenter at our Conference and will be sadly missed by all.

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