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Marquette Presents Series:

On September 10, 2013, Potawatomi Bingo Casino will partner with the College of Health Sciences at Marquette University to sponsor the fourth installment of its Marquette Presents series, *The Tragedy of Addiction: Neuroscientific Perspectives Toward Understanding and Treatment*.

The forum panel will feature experts in the field of addiction research, including neuroscientists from the Biomedical Sciences Department in the College of Health Sciences at Marquette University.

This free forum is Tuesday, September 10, 2013, from 7:15-9:30a.m. in the Alumni Memorial Union at Marquette University, 1442 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee. It includes a complimentary continental breakfast and free parking in the 16th Street parking structure, located between Wisconsin Ave. and Wells Street. To RSVP, please email Kathleen Ludington at [kathleen.ludington@marquette.edu](mailto:kathleen.ludington@marquette.edu).

Marquette Presents is a forum series developed by the College of Health Sciences at Marquette University to focus on issues of community health. Previous forums in the series focused on the topics of depression, sports-related concussion and schizophrenia. To learn more about the college, visit [www.marquette.edu/health-sciences](http://www.marquette.edu/health-sciences).

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling will be hosting an exhibit table and a recovering gambler will be participating in the program.

COMING SOON:

Intro Training  
November, 2013  
Milwaukee, WI

Call or check our website for more information!

Newsletter  
Summer 2013



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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.

**VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT:**  
The WCPG is currently accepting volunteers. Anyone interested in donating their skills and time to the organization by 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 e-mail her at: [wcpgamble5-cheri@new.rr.com](mailto:wcpgamble5-cheri@new.rr.com)

## Problem Gambling Warning Signs Among Older Adults \*

- Preoccupation with gambling
- Gambling to calm nerves, forget worries or reduce depression
- Needing to gamble larger and larger amounts of money to experience the thrill
- Withdrawal from family, friends or regular activities
- Mood swings based upon winnings and losses
- Withdrawal anxiety experienced after gambling excursions
- Neglecting personal needs or health. Secrecy, avoidance or lying when questioned about gambling habits
- Using retirement funds or cashing in an insurance policy to fund gambling
- Missing possessions or assets, including pawning or sale of personal items
- Sudden need for money or loans
- Depression or self – destructive thoughts

### Escape Gambling:

There are many types of older adults who participate in gambling. Regardless of whether a person is new to gambling or has gambled recreationally for a long time, experiencing loss, whether it is the loss of a spouse, profession (retirement), one's health, physical ability or perceived status may place that person at a greater risk for developing a gambling problem. Gambling can be used as an escape. The excitement of the game and the environment may all create a step outside of reality that can become addicting for some. Gambling may relieve boredom and depression and fill a void. If a person develops a problem with gambling, the positive impacts will lessen and the negative consequences will begin. The person may begin having 'magical' or fantasy thoughts that they have a system for winning or an irrational belief that they are destined to win and their lives will be changed forever. They may chase losses with larger bets to try to recoup money that they have lost, sure that the next big win is right around the corner despite evidence and odds to the contrary. They may be less able to understand or calculate the odds of winning or losing or even to manage their finances due to lack of sleep or changes in cognitive abilities. There is help available. Contact the 24 hour Helpline at 1-800-Gamble-5.

\* Information used with permission from the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling, Senior Focus, Volume 6.

*Did you know that the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling's Statewide Conference offers*

*Ethics and Clinical Supervision CEU's?*

*Contact us for more information!*

Save  
The  
Date

Fifteenth Annual Wisconsin  
Council on Problem Gambling  
Statewide Conference



Our next conference will be held at the  
Chula Vista Resort  
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin  
March 20-21, 2014



Make your reservations now by calling  
1-866-901-3685 to get the special conference rate of \$109 a night!

## Mark Your Calendars!

The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling will be hosting its 15th Annual Statewide Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference.

The conference will take place March 20th and 21st, 2014 at the Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

In addition, a preconference will be held on March 19th, 2014.

## CALL FOR PRESENTERS

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

- Assessment, Treatment and Recovery
- Public Awareness
- Outcome and Social Cost
- Prevention and Impact of Gambling
- Effects on Select Populations
- Topics Concerning Adolescents, Older Adults, and Women
- Intervention
- Ethics
- Support for the Family
- Co-Occurring Disorders

### 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  
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**Deadline to  
submit  
Proposal is  
August 16, 2013**

“Your conference actually is useful to so many who treat addictions...even if it is not gambling...”

“Any addiction counselor could profit from your conference.”

“Your organization is inspirational too!!!”

These quotes are from the Fourteenth Annual Conference evaluations.



**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

**1993** Bill Clinton became president! The price of gas was \$1.16 a gallon! A postage stamp cost 29 cents! The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling was formed. The WCPG was started by a group of treatment providers and others who were starting to see people with gambling problems in their agencies. On January 1, 1994 the Council received its 501(c)3 status and on January 14 of the same year, we became an affiliate of the National Council on Problem Gambling. In 1995, the WCPG received a grant from the Cornerstone Foundation in Green Bay to start the 24-hour Helpline. On Feb. 10, 1996, the Council moved into its first official office and the Helpline began taking calls on August 14, 1996. In Sept. 1998, the Council received its first public awareness grant from the State of Wisconsin.

**Fast forward to 2013** The WCPG celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We've come a long way, baby. We hosted our 14<sup>th</sup> Statewide Conference in March of this year. Our training programs continue to grow and expand. We will be adding an outreach position to the staff this year with our focus being on reaching middle and high school students. We have approximately 350 media contacts a year. We have a wide variety of posters and brochures which provides public awareness and education. The Council has been blessed to have all the support it does. We are very appreciative of everyone who has helped us in so many ways. We look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries of helping people who are affected by problem gambling disorders and educating the public on problem gambling.

Wishing all of you the best,

*Rose A. Gruber*



*The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling celebrates its 20th Anniversary.*



**Register Now!**

**The 27th National Conference on Problem Gambling CONNECTIONS Building Partnerships**

The conference brings 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/2013conference](http://ncpgambling.org/2013conference)**

**2013 TRAINING SCHEDULE—CONTACT WCPG FOR DETAILS**

<b>2013 GREEN BAY TRAINING SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
September 12-13, 2013	Phase 3	1423 Kellogg St Green Bay, WI	September 5, 2013
October 10-11, 2013	Phase 4	1423 Kellogg St Green Bay, WI	October 3, 2013

<b>2013 MILWAUKEE TRAINING SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
September 19-20, 2013	Phase 1	7065 N. Port Washington Road, Milwaukee	September 12, 2013
October 3-4, 2013	Phase 2	7065 N. Port Washington Road, Milwaukee	September 26, 2013

**Save Money!!**

- Sign up for 2 Phases at the same time and receive a \$25.00 discount!
- 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!

Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards.

For more information about the trainings, please visit our website at [wi-problemgamblers.org](http://wi-problemgamblers.org)



**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.**

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