



Problem Gambling Conference Brings Together Experts in Field 18th WCPG conference set for March in Elkhart Lake

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(Green Bay, Wis.) – For most people, gambling is a fun form of entertainment. For others, however, gambling is or can be a problem that affects the gambler, his or her family and friends and even the gambler’s workplace.

As part of its ongoing effort to increase awareness of the addiction, the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling (WCPG) is hosting the **18th Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference**. This year’s event will take place **March 23-24** at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake.

“This year’s theme really brings home our mission to educate the public on problem gambling as well as helping those affected by the problem,” says Rose (Gruber) Blozinski, WCPG Executive Director. “The conference is designed for anyone concerned about problem gambling in Wisconsin, including criminal justice personal, human resources professionals, mental health professionals, gaming industry personal, clergy, problem gamblers, and their family and friends.”

This annual event provides connections to some of the leading experts in the compulsive gambling field. Conference speakers and panelists will cover a range of topics, including:

- Generational Differences in Gambling
- Helping Gamblers Reduce Their Debt and Budgeting
- Gambling, Internet Gaming, and Fantasy Sports

There is an additional day-long workshop prior to the conference on March 22. ‘Leadership 2.0: An Advanced Workshop for Supervisors in the Behavioral Health Field’ will be led by Mark Sanders.

WCPG is a statewide organization with a mission of educating and promoting public understanding of problem gambling and the disorder of compulsive gambling, while maintaining

neutrality on the issue of legalized gambling. The WCPG Helpline received more than 13,000 calls in 2016.

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If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLE-5 or Live Chat through the WCPG website at www.wi-problemgamblers.org or text (920) 799-4080.

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For more information, visit the [Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling](http://www.wisconsin-council-on-problem-gambling.org) website, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WisconsinCouncilonProblemGambling or follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/wcpgambling>

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