



Problem Gambling Conference Brings Together Experts in Field

19th WCPG Conference set for March in Waukesha

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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 19th Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference. This year’s event will take place March 15th – 16th at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha.

“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 personnel, human resources professionals, mental health professionals, gaming industry personnel, clergy, problem gamblers, and their families 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:

- Effects of Marijuana on Gambling Behavior
- Adolescent Brain Development
- Smoking Tobacco and Problem Gambling
- Ethical Awareness and Decision Making

There are two additional day-long workshops prior to the conference on March 14th. “Clinical Supervision and Professional Development: A Practical and Effective Approach” that will be presented by Jim Harrison, BS, MS, LPC, CSAC, ICGC-II, BACC and “Addiction and Finances: Understanding the Need for Financial Recovery” that will be presented by Jerry Bauerkemper BS, CCGC, Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling, NE.

WCPG is a statewide organization that provides resources, public awareness and education on gambling disorders while maintaining strict neutrality on the issue of legalized gambling. The WCPG operates a Problem Gambling Helpline, and a Text and Chat line that are available 24/7 as a resource for anyone facing a gambling problem.

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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, Text at 1-920-888-Help or Live Chat through the WCPG website at www.wi-problemgamblers.org.

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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/wcpqgambling>