

## WCPG's Youth Outreach Provides Education to Student on the Risk of Gambling

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(Green Bay, WI) – The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling (WCPG) has a Youth Outreach Program that provides education to students on the risks of gambling. "Unfortunately two factors have limited our ability to reach a large student audience. One has been travel limitations, which has generally precluded us from reaching areas beyond the eastern half of the state. The other more current issue has been Covid-19, which has stopped all of our in-class outreach for the last year" Blozinski says. "This situation has led us to develop a video alternative. We recognize that nothing can compare with an actual person delivering a topical message. However, we believe that this video will educate, garner discussion, and serve as a basis of information on the risks of gambling for your students."

## **Program Basics**

Interactive, age appropriate presentations that are approximately 1 hour in length (flexible). Topics covered include:

- Understanding Odds and Randomness
- Definition of Gambling
- Skill vs. Chance
- Signs of Problem Gambling
- Harm Reduction Strategies

For more information about the Youth Outreach Program contact Rose at 1-920-437-8888.

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