



## Problem Gambling Conference Brings Together Experts in Field

22nd 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 22nd Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference. This year’s event will take place September 15-17, 2021 at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha.

“This is the second year we are adding a Conference Kick Off Keynote on Wednesday afternoon,” says Rose Blozinski, WCPG Executive Director. “Fred Dyer, Ph.D., CADC, LADC, Trainer, Speaker, Consultant, Author, Founder, and Executive Director of Hope Recovery Center, Minneapolis, MN will be presenting, “Problem Gambling and Mental Health Issues for Athletes”. With this additional Keynote the conference attendees will be able to earn a total of 21.5 continuing education units. 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 problem gambling field. Conference speakers and panelists will cover a range of topics, including:

- Problem Gambling and Mental Health Issues for Athletes
- Living Your Values, Multiplying Your Positive Feelings, Avoid Covid-19 Fatigue/Burnout
- Bearing Witness to Pain: Coping with Secondary Trauma
- And many more interesting topics...

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.

***If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-426-2535, Text at 1-920-888-4673 or Live Chat through the WCPG website at [www.wi-problemgamblers.org](http://www.wi-problemgamblers.org).***

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The **Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling** is funded by a public awareness grant from the State of Wisconsin and additional funding from donors, including Wisconsin Native American Tribes. The Council operates a 24-hour Helpline at 1-800-426-2535 / 1-850-888-4673 Text line, and Chat available on [www.wi-problemgamblers.org](http://www.wi-problemgamblers.org), distributes informational brochures, organizes an annual statewide conference, makes presentations on problem gambling and conducts training sessions for treatment providers interested in the special requirements for working with compulsive gamblers and their families.

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](https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinCouncilonProblemGambling) or follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/wcpgambling>