

ICPG NEWSLETTER



While it is now Spring this is our Winter Newsletter. We held this newsletter until we had the program for the 23rd National Conference on Problem Gambling to send with our newsletter. Our lead story is naturally about this important event. The Indiana Council is very excited about the level of support by those organizations involved in our issue as illustrated by the number of conference sponsors. These sponsors have made it possible for us to greatly reduce the conference registration costs for a great number of you (details below). Our sponsors, the NCPG and the ICPG want you at this conference. We hope that you will join us in June.

Thanks,
Jerry

June 25-27 National Conference on Problem Gambling at Indianapolis

Planning continues for the 23rd annual National Conference on Problem Gambling which will be held at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis June 26-27. This conference is the largest gambling conference in the country and generally attracts 500 attendees. The theme for the conference is: "Together, we make a difference." The success that the Indiana Council has experienced is directly due to our efforts at bringing all of the Indiana problem gambling stakeholders together on our large board and advisory group. This philosophy is also evident in the development of our regional seven NCPG affiliate group, the Midcentral Alliance on Problem Gambling, whose members were active in planning of this event. A requirement needed to bring this event to Indianapolis were the sponsorships provided by Indiana's gaming companies and others. These are:

Casino Association of Indiana & its members
Indiana Division of Mental Health & Addiction
Penn National Gaming/Argosy
Boyd Gaming/Blue Chip
Hoosier Lottery
Tropicana/Aztar
Trimeridian

We think that the 2009 23rd annual NCPG event may be the

first time that every large gaming entity in the conference host's state have chosen to sponsor this event. The Indiana Council thanks and commends all of our Hoosier sponsors.

The conference will feature 50 presentations on:

Problem gambling prevention, treatment research & recovery

Advanced clinical training

Responsible gaming

Criminal Justice, regulatory & legal issues

Community day on Saturday includes sessions on recovery & community issues. The complete conference program is attached to the email that delivered this newsletter and will be available at: ncpgambling.org as well as the ICPG website:

indianaproblemgambling.org

The NCPG and the ICPG recognize that the current difficult economy has made it very difficult for those working directly to help those with a gambling addiction in our region to attend the conference. If we are to build a good treatment network, these people need to attend this event. The Indiana Council has worked with the National Council to make this possible.

Each sponsorship included a great number of partial scholarships that the Indiana Council will use to assist individuals from our region who want to attend the conference. The scholarships reduce the \$450 registration fee to \$200. Of this dollar amount, \$150 will go to the NCPG and \$50 to the affiliate of the attendees home state. Scholarship attendees will receive one year memberships to each organization. This is a very unique approach to facilitating both the attendees, the NCPG and its regional affiliates. Again this was made possible by our conference sponsors and the NCPG.

Those wishing to obtain a scholarship should contact the Indiana Council immediately as we expect demand to be very high. Please complete and fax or email the scholarship form that is included with the email containing this newsletter. The ICPG can be contacted by emailing Jerry Long at:

jllong@indianaproblemgambling.org

There will be a very quick decision and response on your request. This conference has never been made as affordable as it will be this year. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to join us.

ICPG Mission Statement

The Indiana Council on Problem Gambling strives to generate awareness, promote education, and be an advocate for quality treatment of problem gamblers in the State of Indiana.

Problem Gambling Help Line Caller Demographics

In the first half of the current state fiscal year, 7/1/08 through 12/31/08, the Indiana Problem Gambling Help Line received a total of 2230 calls. Of this number 659 were calls that resulted in an intake and most often a referral to a state problem gambling treatment program or a Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon support group. These numbers are virtually unchanged from the same period last year. During this same period, 199 Hoosiers entered state funded outpatient treatment for problem gambling. Here is the demographic data for those calling the PG Helpline (1-800-994-8448).

Calls from the PG - 81.3%
 Calls from others - 18.7%

Male Gamblers - 48.3%
 Female Gamblers - 51.7%

African American - 21.9%
 Asian Pacific - 2.4%
 Caucasian - 58.4%
 Hispanic - 2.4%
 Native American - .1%
 Unknown - 14.8%

Gambler's Age

0 - 20 1.4%
 21 - 29 13.1%
 30 - 39 17.3%
 40 - 49 21.7%
 50 - 59 23.1%
 60 - 74 12.1%
 75 > 1.1%
 Unknown 10.2%

Legal/Illegal

Legal 87.4%
 Illegal 1.4%
 Unknown 11.2%

Gaming Venue

Casino 71.2%
 Lottery 9.6%
 Horse Track/OTB 3.2%
 Bookmaker/Poker 1.4%
 Internet 1.7%
 Bingo/Social Org 1.1%
 Bars <.1%
 Unknown 11.8%

Household Income

10,000 or less 8.6%
 10,000 - 20,000 7.6%
 20,000 - 30,000 12.6%
 30,000 - 40,000 11.2%
 40,000 - 50,000 10.1%
 50,000 - 60,000 6.2%
 60,000 - 70,000 5.0%
 70,000 - 80,000 4.7%
 80,000 - 90,000 1.5%
 90,000 - 100,000 2.4%
 > 100,000 3.3%
 Unknown 26.8%

How did the caller learn of the PG Help Line?

Back of Ticket 39.8%
 Brochure 13.2%
 Sign at Gaming Venue 9.0%
 Internet 7.1%
 Gaming venue Staff 5.9%
 Counselor/Lawyer 3.9%
 TV Ad 2.7%
 Billboard 2.4%
 Phone Book 1.2%
 Newspaper .005%
 Radio Ad 0.0%
 Unknown 12.0%

Age When Gambling Started

Teens 12.7%
 20s 21.5%
 30s 17.1%
 40s 17.3%
 50s 11.7%
 60s 3.5%
 70s .008%
 80s .002%
 Unknown 16.2%

National PG Awareness Week

March 1-7 was designated as National Problem Gambling Awareness Week by the NCPG. This was the 7th year that the first week in March has been so designated.

Information to assist problem gamblers and all of the stakeholders involved with problem gambling can be found at:

NPGAW.org

Per this web site: "The goal of this campaign is to educate the general public and health care professionals about the warning signs of problem gambling and awareness about the help that is available both locally and nationally."

Each of the 35 NCPG affiliates are involved in activities to further raise the awareness of problem gambling during NPGAW each year. In Indiana, the Division of Mental Health & Addiction had a meeting on March 2nd at which PG stakeholders attended a meeting at the Indiana Government Center and heard speakers present various perspectives on problem gambling.

These included:

Dr. Andrew Chambers, DMHA
 Medical Director

George Brenner, Addiction
 Director, Behavioral Care
 Indianapolis

Chuck B., a recovering problem
 gambler

Locally, Indiana Governor Mitch
 Daniels and Indianapolis Mayor
 Greg Ballard proclaimed March
 1-7, 2009 PGAW.

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Additionally, the Indiana Council and its board members provided information on problem gambling to attorneys and consumer credit organizations in Marion County (Indianapolis) and Allen County (Fort Wayne).

Staff Changes at DMHA

In the last issue of this newsletter we told you that John Viernes had resigned as Deputy Director of the Division of Mental & Addiction but a permanent replacement had not yet been named. We are very happy to report that Diana Williams has been selected to fill this position. Diana brings more than 20 years of experience in the addiction field to DMHA. She has worked in both the private for profit and non profit addiction field as well as in a number of positions in state government. She is an ACSW and holds several addiction credentials.

We were also surprised to learn that Cathy Boggs, DMHA Director, has accepted the challenge of becoming the director of FSSA's Division of Family Resources. Cathy had been the director of DMHA since January of 2005. She brought much needed positive change to DMHA will be missed and we wish her continued success as she assumes another big challenge.

Gina Echart has been named to replace Cathy at DMHA. Gina has been Cathy Boggs' Deputy for nearly four years. The ICPG also wishes her well in her new position.

Finally we also need to note that Jennifer Kelley, of the Indiana Prevention Resource Center at Bloomington, who worked closely with DMHA on the issue of problem gambling has left Indiana for a position in her native Maryland. We also wish her well in her new endeavors.

By the Numbers

Just where does Indiana stand in comparison to other states with the most casino revenue?

2007 Data (americangaming.org)

States with more than \$1 B in Gross Casino Gaming Revenue

Nevada (1931)	\$12.849 B
New Jersey (1978)	\$4.921 B
Mississippi (1992)	\$2.891 B
<u>Indiana (1995)</u>	<u>\$2.625 B</u>
Louisiana (1993)	\$2.566 B
Illinois (1991)	\$1.983 B
Missouri (1994)	\$1.592 B
Iowa (1991)	\$1.363 B

(Year the first casino opened)

State taxes paid on Casino Gaming Revenue

Nevada	\$1.034 B
<u>Indiana</u>	<u>\$ 841.99 M</u>
Illinois	\$833.9 M
Louisiana	\$559.19 M
New Jersey	\$474.72 M
Missouri	\$417.33 M
Mississippi	\$350.44 M
Iowa	\$314.78 M

Effective State Tax Rate

Illinois	42%
<u>Indiana</u>	<u>32%</u>
Iowa	23%
Louisiana	22%
Missouri	22%
Mississippi	12%
New Jersey	10%
Nevada	8%

State Dollars Available for Problem Gambling (apgsa.org)

<u>Indiana</u>	<u>\$5.25 M</u>
Iowa	\$4.31 M
Louisiana	\$2.5 M
Nevada	\$1.25 M
Illinois	\$960,000
New Jersey	\$936,000
Missouri	\$454,000
Mississippi	\$100,000

All of Indiana's problem dedicated problem gambling dollars were mandated by the legislation that allowed and expanded casino gaming.

Training Opportunities

2009 DMHA Training events

April 29 & 30
(Phases 7 & 8)

Spirituality & recovery; Treatment design & levels of care; Relapse prevention; Workplace & EAP issues; Reimbursement strategies; Transference & counter-transference issues; Ethics standards; Resources; Certification standards

Fifteen CEUs will be awarded for completion of each two day workshop.

Joanna Franklin MS, NCGC II will again be the trainer for these sessions Deborah G. Haskins, Ph.D., will again moderate the one and one half hour clinical supervision calls. These conference calls are held twice a month for the next 12 months.

The 60 hours of training and the clinical supervision are key components needed to attain a NCGC gambling counselor credential.

The training events will be located at the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis. Registration begins at 7:45 AM and the sessions begin at 8:30 PM and end at 5 PM.

For more information, please contact Mary Lay: 317-232-7854 or Mary.Lay@fssa.in.gov

MidCentral Alliance Conference

Planning for the 3rd annual MidCentral Alliance on Problem Gambling Conference in September 2009 will soon begin. We will be focusing on advanced clinical practices this year. We ask that you send us any suggestions as to presenters and specific topics that you would like to see at:

jllong@indianaproblemgambling.org

Gambling Recovery Ministries

Often the topic of how awareness of problem gambling can be expanded is discussed among mental health caregivers working in this specialized field. Needed is an overall coverage of information to the public. Since I spoke to a class of social work majors at St. Benedict College in 2005, I have encouraged others to do likewise and spread the word of prevention and recovery in college classrooms. Gladly, I can report that Dr. Scott Hunt, a professor at Eastern Kentucky University, has invited me to do presentations in two of his classes. On February 2, I spoke to both the *Gambling and Crime* and the *Religion and Criminal Justice* classes.

Additionally, GRM co-presented with Dr. Curtis Barrett at the Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling's 12th Annual Educational and Awareness Conference at Lexington on January 30. The topic was *Essential Knowledge for Faith-Based Counseling of Problem Gamblers*.

Finally, Exhibiting at health fairs is a great way to share information about problem gambling and recovery issues. GRM looks forward to providing a booth at the Dearborn County Hospital's Health Fairs at Lawrenceburg Indiana and Cleves Ohio.

Rev. Janet Jacobs

College Gambling Conference

The IPFW Behavioral Health and Family Studies Institute with funding support of the Indiana Family & Social Services Administration's Division of Mental Health & Addiction will present this two day conference on gambling by college students. This event, on May 21 & 22, will be held at the Holiday Inn at IPFW and the Coliseum. George McCellan, Ph. D. will be the keynote speaker.

There will be a preconference luncheon: "Screening for Suicide Risk with Gamblers." Sessions include: ***Gambling 101, Panel of Recovering Gamblers, Gambling & Intercollegiate Sports, Faculty Research Panel, Institutional Ethics & Gambling and Promising Practices for Colleges & Universities.***

For further information on this event, please contact Joanne Summers at: summerjm@ipfw.edu or at 260-481-4184.

Upcoming Problem Gambling Conferences

**Play or Fold?
College's Response to Student Gambling
May 21-22 Holiday Inn at IPFW and the Coliseum
Fort Wayne, Indiana**

**2009 NCPG 23rd Annual Conference
June 25-27 Hyatt Regency Hotel
Downtown Indianapolis Indiana**

Helpful Contact Information

Indiana Problem Gambling Help Line: 1-800-994-8448
Indiana Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP): 1-317-234-3600
National Problem Gambling Help Line: 1-800-522-4700
Indiana Council on Problem Gambling: 1-866-699-4274
Gamblers Anonymous: www.gamblersanonymous.org
Gam-Anon: www.gam-anon.org
Indianapolis Gamblers Anonymous: www.indyga.org
Female Gamblers: www.femalegamblers.org
Gambling Recovery Ministries: grmumc.org
Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition: www.indianarecovery.org
Indiana Council on Problem Gambling:
www.indianaproblemgambling.org

Newsletter and Printed Materials

Please share the ***ICPG Newsletter*** with others who you think would be interested in the information that it contains. If you need our free brochures, please let us know by *emailing* us at: jllong@indianaproblemgambling.org

Support the ICPG Through Your Annual Membership

Individual Membership of the ICPG (\$50)
Joint Individual Membership of the ICPG & National Council on Problem Gambling (\$85) (NCPG Membership is \$75.
Joint membership saves you \$40)
Sponsor (Businesses with up to 10 employees) (\$125)
Sponsor (Businesses with up to 500 employees) (\$250)
Sponsor (Businesses with more than 500 employees) (\$500)
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