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Eleventh Annual Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference was a huge success!

The Eleventh Annual Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Statewide Conference was a huge success with 150 people attending the two day conference. Our first conference was held in 1999 and there were 77 participants in attendance.

This year's conference was held March 19 & 20 at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. Many attendees came from different areas of Wisconsin as well as Minnesota, Illinois, and Michigan to attend the conference.

Speakers included:

Martha Ammermann (Wisconsin)
 Sandra Brustuen (Minnesota)
 Dawn Cronin (North Dakota)
 Joanna Franklin (Maryland)
 Linda Grave (Washington)
 Cheryl Kirking (Wisconsin)
 Doug LaBelle (Wisconsin)

Dr. Henry Lesieur (Rhode Island)
 Dr. Stuart Robertshaw (Wisconsin)
 Mike Schiks (Minnesota)
 Lisa Vig (North Dakota)
 Dr. James Walsh (Delaware)
 Keith Whyte (Washington, DC)

Topics included:

IBCT-Family Therapy with the Reluctant Client; Pathological Gambling and Crime; The Healing Power of Humor; Warriors at Risk: Gambling and Problem Gambling in the Military; Older Adult Gambling: Alzheimer's/Dementia a Hidden Cause; Foundational Model for Treating Compulsive Gamblers; Youth Gambling: Fact or Fiction; Treatment Planning with Problem Gamblers; Splashes of Encouragement! A Keynote in Concert; You Bet Boss; Treating the Dually Diagnosed Problem Gambler; Responsible Gambling on the Casino Floor; Shame, Guilt, and Addiction; Public Policy Issues: Advocacy and a Call to Action; and Exploring the Different Faces of Gambling.

Overall the conference was a great success and we look forward to the 2010 Conference that will be held March 18th & 19th at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, WI. We hope to see you there!

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The person who makes a success of living is the one who sees his goal steadily and aims for it unswervingly. That is dedication. Cecil B. DeMill (1881 - 1959)