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Gift Responsibly Campaign

With holiday parties and gatherings extending well into January, as well as other functions throughout the year, Gift Responsibly can be utilized all year long.

Founded in the early 2000s, the Gift Responsibly Campaign works to raise public awareness about the risks of youth gambling. Through partnerships with lotteries and other organizations, the campaign educates communities about the risks of buying lottery tickets for children. The Wisconsin Lottery has a long-standing commitment to responsible gaming and has been a partner with the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling with problem gambling education for more than 25 years.

Research shows that the earlier a person's participation or exposure to gambling is in childhood, the more likely they are to develop a gambling problem later in life. Gambling exposure during childhood is often through some kind of lottery product, such as lottery tickets or scratch offs. Often these items are given to a child by an adult who is unaware of the associated risks. "The potential long-term risks associated with underage gambling exposure cannot be understated," said Keith Whyte, NCPG Executive Director.

Many young people report that their first gambling experience occurs around 9-11 years of age. Children who have early exposure to gambling experiences, including lottery tickets, are four times more likely to develop a gambling problem. This holiday season, #GiftResponsibly. Lottery tickets aren't for kids.



The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling provides education, awareness, and resources on problem gambling disorders. We offer youth outreach and will provide gambling education at schools throughout Wisconsin (speaker request form can be found on our website).

If you or someone you know is struggling with a gambling problem, you can reach out for confidential help by calling the Wisconsin Gambling Helpline at 1-800-426-2535 or text 1-850-888-4673. Information is also available at wi-problemgamblers.org.



WCPG's 2025 Webinars

All Webinars are 10am -11:30am CDT

Protocols for Treatment: A Guide to Timelines and Assignments that May Help in the Recovery of Disordered Gambling

> Date: January 8, 2025 Presenter: Jerry Bauerkemper

Accurate Diagnosis and Effective Assessment of Gambling Disorder Across Levels of Gambling Involvement

Date: February 12, 2025 Presenter: Andrew J Schreier

National Initiatives and Local Action: Partnerships to Create Progress During PGAM

Date: March 12, 2025 Presenter: Keith Whyte

Monitoring and Staying Current on Sports Gambling Issues

Date: April 9, 2025 Presenter: James Schreier

Defining the Line: When Is It Gambling?

Date: October 8, 2025 Presenter: Doug LaBelle

Youth Gambling and ADHD

Date: November 12, 2025 Presenter: Saul Malek

\$15 each or all 6 for \$75

For more information on any WCPG training and to register online



please visit our website

(under the events tab): https://wi-problemgamblers.org/



Continuing Education Units for 1.5 hours each webinar have been applied for with the following: Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC), Employee Assistance Certification Commission (EACC), International Gambling Counselor Certification Board (IGCCB), Wisconsin Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (WAMFT) and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW).

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"Traveling Into the Future Through Awareness, Education, and Prevention"

March 20-21, 2025

Pre-Conference March 19th

Ethics Training 4 CEUs
Clinical Supervision 6 CEUs
Earn up to 22 CEUs

CEU certifications will be applied for: Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists, Professional Counselors, Substance Abuse Counselors, and Clinical Supervisors through NAADAC, EACC, WAMFT, NASW, and IGCCB.





Scott Caldwell

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Printable brochure, online registration, and payments can be found on our website soon: wi-problemgamblers.org. For more info, or to receive the conference brochure contact us at 920-437-8888

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

(Only one person may register per form. Please photocopy for additional registrations. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) **If there are 3 or more people attending from one organization each will receive \$10 off their registration fees**

Name:		
	Pre-Registration Is Required.	
Title:		
Organization:	Please have the following completed for your Conference Registration:	
Address:	Completed application form Meal selection (Regular/Vegetarian)	
City/State/Zip:	Awards Banquet attendance Ethics attendance (check box below if attending)	
County:Phone:	Membership submission if desired Payment	
Email:	EAP Continuing Education	
Meals: 🗆 Regular 🗆 Vegetarian		

AWARDS BANQUET: Thursday, March 20, 2025 6:00pm - 9:00pm

□ I will attend □ I will not attend □ \$30.00 Non-registered Banquet Guest (*The Full Conference and Thursday Only Rates include the Awards Banquet at no additional cost, but you must register in advance.*)

RATES BEFORE <u>2/19/25:</u>	RATES AFTER <u>2/19/25:</u>	Please check if you plan to attend Ethics: 🔲	Your WCPG Bronze level or higher Membership saves you money: Renew your Bronze Membership or join now and save \$35 off Full Conference
□ \$35.00	□ \$40.00	Pre-Conference Ethics - Workshop Only (March 19, 1:00pm-5:00pm) "Ethics in the Clinical Relationship" - Mark Sanders INCLUDED IN FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	Membership Fee: \$ (\$75.00 or more for discount)
□ \$30.00	□ \$35.00	Pre-Conference (March 19, 8:00am-12:00pm) "Disordered Gambling: A Combination of Fantasy & Cognitive Distortion" - Jerry Bauerkemper	Conference Fee: \$ Membership Discount: (<u>\$35.00</u>)
□ \$50.00	□ \$55.00	Pre-Conference (March 19, 9:00am-4:00pm) "The Basics of Clinical Supervision" - Karen Edens	TOTAL Enclosed: \$ Please make check or money order
□ \$150.00	□ \$175.00	Full Conference Rate (NOT INCLUDING PRE-CONFERENCE)	payable to:
□ \$175.00	□ \$205.00	Full Conference AND Pre-Conference presentation "Disordered Gambling: A Combination of Fantasy & Cognitive Distortion" - Jerry Bauerkemper	Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. (WCPG) Mail to: 1585 Allouez Avenue Green Bay, WI 54311
□ \$195.00	□ 225.00	Full Conference AND Pre-Conference presentation "The Basics of Clinical Supervision" - Karen Edens	Now accepting online registrtion and credit card payments!
□ \$100.00	□ \$125.00	Thursday Only OR Friday Only (Please circle choice)	and credit card payments! Please include your email address when registering. We will email all correspondence and CEU Certificates.
 ALL RATES INCLUDE BREAKS. LUNCH INCLUDED WITH THURSDAY AND FRIDAY REGISTRATION. EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2024 		WITH THURSDAY AND FRIDAY REGISTRATION.	If you register without an email address, you will receive correspondence via mail to the address provided.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

As 2024 begins to wind down, I want to thank everyone who has supported the WCPG throughout this year. To all of our financial supporters, we wouldn't be here without you and are forever grateful. To everyone that attended our 25th Annual Conference at the Milwaukee Marriott West in March or one of our live or on-line training courses throughout the year, thank you. To our WCPG Board members who give countless hours to committees and meetings, we are blessed. To our Call Responders who answer the Helpline, thank you for being there for our callers in crisis. Working together, we can continue to provide statewide services to anyone who is affected by problem gambling disorders. The staff at the WCPG wishes a million thanks to each and every one of you. We look forward to working with you in 2025 as we continue to provide services to those dealing with problem gambling disorders.

All of us at the WCPG hope you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you a Happy New Year.

We look forward to 2025 as we continue to provide services to people who are affected by gambling disorders. Please mark your calendar for March 20-21, 2025, as we host our 26th annual conference.

Having been a part of the WCPG for the past 27 plus years, it is exciting to look back and see how far we have come and also look forward to what the future will be as we continue to provide resources, education and awareness on gambling disorders.

Wishing you the best in 2025!

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Rose Blozinski

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UPCOMING ETHICS TRAINING

Gambling Informed Ethics

February 7, 2025 8:00am - 12:00pm Cost: \$35.00 CEU Hours: 4

Wildwood Lodge N14 W24121 Tower Place Pewaukee, WI 53072

For more information and to register online please visit our website

(under the events tab): https://wi-problemgamblers.org/

Continuing Education Units applied for:

- Social Workers
- WI Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
- WI Dept. of Safety and Professional Services
- NAADAC
- EACC
- IGCCB



Registration Deadline: January 31, 2025

For help: Call: 1-800-426-2535 Text: 1-850-888-4673



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www.wi-problemgamblers.org