



## Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Joins 2025 Gift Responsibly Campaign to Raise Awareness of Youth Gambling Risks

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**Green Bay, WI** – The Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling today announced its commitment as a participant of the 2025 Gift Responsibly Campaign, joining lotteries and community organizations across North America and around the world to raise awareness about the risks of underage lottery use. The campaign is organized by the [National Council on Problem Gambling](#) (NCPG) and supported by [the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries](#) (NASPL).

Research supports that early exposure to or participation in gambling during childhood is highly correlated with the development of a gambling problem later in life. Gambling exposure during childhood is often through a 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 Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling encourages adults not to give lottery tickets to underage children/teens as holiday gifts – many problem gamblers report that they began gambling during childhood. “Problem gambling is a growing concern among adolescents. We feel it’s important to let parents, grandparents and others know that lottery tickets are not a good gift choice for children”, says Rose Blozinski, WCPG Executive Director.

As a participant of the 2025 Gift Responsibly Campaign, during December, the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling will work to promote awareness about the risks of underage lottery use by raising awareness about the risks of youth gambling by public service announcements, social media, in-person school presentations, video presentations, etc.

“Youth gambling is a growing risk that too often goes overlooked. The Gift Responsibly Campaign plays a vital role in helping families and communities understand the importance of keeping lottery products out of kids’ hands,” said Derek Longmeier, President of NCPG’s Board of Directors. “We’re grateful to the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling for joining this effort and working to expand education and awareness to protect young people from gambling-related harm.”

The WCPG has been an affiliate of the NCPG since 1994. Rose Blozinski has served on the National Board two different terms, each term for several years. The WCPG staff has served on several committees over the years. WCPG has hosted the National Conference in 2012. The WCPG works in unison with the NCPG to promote awareness of gambling disorders and responsible gambling. About the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling 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-GAMBLE-5, Text line at 1-850-888-HOPE, 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 website, visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/WisconsinCouncilonProblemGambling](http://www.facebook.com/WisconsinCouncilonProblemGambling) or follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/wcpgambling>.

### **About the National Council on Problem Gambling**

The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) is neutral on legalized gambling. Based in Washington DC, NCPG is the only national nonprofit organization that seeks to minimize the economic and social costs associated with gambling addiction. If you or someone you know may have a gambling problem, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline™, which offers hope and help without stigma or shame. Call 1-800-522-4700, text 800GAM, or visit [www.ncpgambling.org/chat](http://www.ncpgambling.org/chat). Help is available 24/7 – it is free and confidential.