



WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

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March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month

What Is Problem Gambling?

Problem gambling — also known as gambling disorder — is any gambling behavior that can harm a person's wellbeing, relationships, or financial stability. Anyone who gambles can be affected. Gambling disorder is a recognized mental health condition, and increased awareness helps reduce stigma and encourages people to seek help earlier.

5-8 Million

U.S. adults are considered to have mild or moderate gambling problems.

2.5 Million

U.S. adults are estimated to meet the criteria for a severe gambling problem in a given year.

\$14 Billion

Estimated annual social cost of problem gambling.

Warning Signs of a Gambling Problem

- ◇ Constantly thinking about gambling.
- ◇ Feeling the need to bet more money and more often.
- ◇ Trying to win back losses (aka "chasing losses").
- ◇ Feeling anxious, restless, or irritable when trying to stop or cut down.
- ◇ Continuing to gamble despite negative consequences.

In its most serious forms, problem gambling can contribute to financial strain, legal challenges, job loss, family conflict, and even thoughts of suicide.

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STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; problem gambling is a public health issue that affects millions of Americans, including many Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS; problem gambling is treatable, and treatment can be effective in minimizing the harm of problem gambling; and

WHEREAS; dedicated individuals, professionals, and organizations across the state and country work to educate the public about problem gambling and provide knowledge on the availability and effectiveness of treatment; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the National Council on Problem Gambling and the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling in spreading awareness of problem gambling and encouraging all Wisconsinites to talk with friends, family, patients, and clients about recognizing and preventing a potential gambling disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim March 2026 as

PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in
the City of Madison this 6th day of
February 2026.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State

*Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling's
27th Annual Statewide Conference*

*"Shine Your Light, Change the World Through
Awareness, Education, and Prevention"*

THE CLOCK IS TICKING!

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN US

*March 19-20, 2026
Pre-Conference
March 18th*

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Jerry Bauerkemper



Andrew Schreier



Linda Graves



Ken Winters

- ◆ *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 IPGGC.

TWENTY-SEVENTH 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: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Meals: Regular Vegetarian

Pre-Registration Is Required

Registration Checklist:

Please have the following completed for your Conference Registration:

- Completed application form
- Meal selection (**Regular/Vegetarian**)
- Awards Banquet attendance
- Ethics attendance (**check box below if attending**)
- Membership submission if desired
- Payment

EAP Continuing Education

AWARDS BANQUET: Thursday, March 19, 2026 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	RATES AFTER	Please check if you plan to attend Ethics: <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>2/18/26:</u>	<u>2/18/26:</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	Pre-Conference Ethics - Workshop Only (March 19, 1:00pm-5:00pm) "Ethics and Boundaries in Trauma Informed Care" - Mark Sanders INCLUDED IN FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	Pre-Conference (March 18, 8:00am-12:00pm) "Utilizing the Creative Arts in Treatment" - Sara Devine
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00	Pre-Conference (March 18, 9:00am-4:00pm) "Clinical Supervision: The Role School Does Not Prep You For But Reality Does" - Dan BizJak
<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175.00	Full Conference Rate (NOT INCLUDING PRE-CONFERENCE)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$175.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$205.00	Full Conference AND Pre-Conference presentation "Utilizing the Creative Arts in Treatment" - Sara Devine
<input type="checkbox"/> \$195.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 225.00	Full Conference AND Pre-Conference presentation "Clinical Supervision: The Role School Does Not Prep You For But Reality Does" - Dan BizJak
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00	Thursday Only OR Friday Only (Please circle choice)

- **ALL RATES INCLUDE BREAKS.**
- **LUNCH INCLUDED WITH THURSDAY AND FRIDAY REGISTRATION.**
- **EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

Your WCPG Bronze level or higher Membership saves you money:

Renew your Bronze Membership or join now and save \$35 off Full Conference Registration!

Membership Fee: \$ _____
(\$75.00 or more for discount)

Conference Fee: \$ _____

Membership Discount: (\$35.00)

TOTAL Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make check or money order payable to:

Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. (WCPG)
1585 Allouez Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54311

Now accepting online registration and credit card payments!

Please include your email address when registering. We will email all correspondence and CEU Certificates.

If you register without an email address, you will receive correspondence via mail to the address provided.

We Can Help: 1-800-426-2535

~TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES~

Webinars

Disordered Gamblers: False Gods and Broken Promises
March 11th ~ 10:00am - 11:30am

**Understanding Gambling Disorder & Co-Occurring Mental Health Conditions:
A Holistic Approach to Treatment**
April 8th ~ 10:00am - 11:30am

Gambling and Suicide—The Intersection and Slippery Slope
September 9th ~ 10:00am - 11:30am

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) and Compulsive Gambling
November 11th ~ 10:00am—11:30am

CEU certifications applied for through NAADAC, EACC, WAMFT, NASW, and IGCCB
Please see our website for more information: www.wi-problemgamblers.org



Cost: \$15 per Webinar - 1.5 CEUs

UPCOMING SCHEDULING!!!

Gambling Disorder: What We Know & What We Need to Know
Coming in Spring

From Gambling to Gambling Disorder—Session 1-4
Beginning in Fall

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO

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