

ICPG NEWSLETTER



I would like to thank all of those whose efforts helped to make this year's regional problem gambling conference at French Lick a great success. There have been other great successes this year as well. When slot machines at Indiana's two horse tracks were approved by the Indiana General Assembly, an additional \$1,000,000 for problem gambling was included in this legislation. This action indicates that our legislators understand the need to address the down side to expanded gaming. The Indiana Council thanks all of those, including the board members of the Indiana Council on Problem Gambling, whose efforts made 2007 a great year.

Jerry L. Long, ICPG

2007 MidCentral Conference and the MidCentral Alliance on Problem Gambling

The **2007 MidCentral Conference on Problem Gambling** at French Lick Indiana attracted 129 attendees. This was a 30 percent increase over the 99 attendees in 2006. This regional conference has grown each year since the **Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling** and the **Indiana Council on Problem Gambling** became partners on this event in 2004. In 2007 we were joined by our sister **NCPG** affiliates, the **Illinois Council on Problem Gambling**, the **Michigan Association on Problem Gambling**, the **Ohio Council on Problem Gambling** and the **West Virginia Council on Problem Gambling**. The involvement of these new partners will ensure that this regional conference continues to grow in future years.

This event was heavily supported financially by the **Kentucky Division of Mental Health & Substance Abuse** and the **Indiana Division of Mental Health & Addiction**. This support also included assistance with the planning and promotion of this conference. Because of the support provided by these state agencies, the conference has been able to have some of the most noted experts in the emerging field of problem

gambling each year while keeping the registration sufficiently inexpensive to make it affordable to all of those seeking training or information about problem gambling. The registration will remain at the current level of \$60 for members of the sponsoring organizations and **NCPG** affiliates and \$90 for all others. As in the past, a number of registration scholarships will be available. This event is used to increase public awareness and knowledge of the issue of problem gambling rather than to raise funding for the participating affiliates.

Planning has already begun for 2008. **Next year the conference will be move to Kentucky and be held on September 24, 25 and 26 in the Louisville or Greater Cincinnati area.** The conference will again begin on Wednesday afternoon and end at noon on Friday to facilitate travel to and from the event.

The **Indiana Council** thanks all of the organizations and individuals who worked to make the 2007 conference such a great event including the staff of the **French Lick Springs Resort**.

Very often one good idea leads to

another. The success of the original conference partnership between the **Kentucky and Indiana Councils** led our partnership on the joint Charity Gaming brochure. This year we sought new conference partners by inviting the **Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia NCPG** affiliates to join with us to grow the conference. This success has in turn led to another opportunity. The **Indiana Division of Mental Health & Addiction** will be supporting our sister organizations in **Illinois, Ohio and Michigan** via the **ICPG** by providing resources to assist these organizations with their brochures and/or web sites. This makes perfect sense in that the 11 Indiana casino properties attract about 70 percent of their customers from the four states that border Indiana. This is easily documented by examining the data from Indiana's **Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP)**. As this is written, there are 2020 **VEP** members of which 1571 are from the adjacent 4 states. This initiative by **DMHA** is a response to this data. Our new working group is called the **MidCentral Alliance on Problem Gambling**. We look forward to other **NCPG** affiliates joining our new group.

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.

What the data tell us about problem gamblers in Indiana.

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FY07 PG Help Line Data	
Total Intakes	1385
Calls from Gambler	1225
Calls from Others	160
Gambler (male)	719
Gambler (female)	630
Unknown	36
Gambler Ethnicity	
African American	253
Asian Pacific Islander	7
Caucasian	875
Latino/Latina/Hispanic	17
Native America	2
Other	20
Unknown	136
Gambler Age	
0-20	6
20-29	198
30-39	402
40-49	352
50-59	218
60-74	88
75+	10
Unknown	111
Voluntary Exclusion Program by County	
Clark	36
Dearborn	29
Dubois	5
Elkhart	10
Floyd	36
Hamilton	5
Harrison	12
Hendricks	7
Jefferson	14
Lake	200
LaPorte	45
Lawrence	5
Marion	27
Ohio	9
Porter	64
St. Joseph	23
Scott	6
Starke	9
Switzerland	9
Vanderburgh	16
All other counties (4 or less)	

As reported by IGC

FY07 Received State Funded Treatment by County	
Total	283
Allen	16
Hamilton	5
Jefferson	9
Madison	9
Marion	127
Monroe	5
St. Joseph	8
Vanderburgh	17
Vigo	18
Wayne	19
All other counties (4 or less)	
FY07 Called PG Help Line by County	
Total 1385	
Allen	16
Clark	12
Crawford	6
Dearborn	11
Delaware	15
Elkhart	15
Floyd	23
Hamilton	19
Hancock	6
Harrison	9
Hendricks	5
Henry	7
Howard	10
Jasper	9
Jefferson	6
Johnson	7
Lake	180
LaPorte	33
Lawrence	10
Marion	121
Monroe	12
Morgan	16
Orange	6
Porter	34
St. Joseph	42
Spencer	5
Tippecanoe	12
Vanderburgh	33
Vigo	10
Warrick	7
Washington	5
Wayne	9
All other counties (4 or less)	

As reported by DMHA

U.S. Lotteries	
42 States and the District of Columbia now have lotteries.	
Annual per capita lottery sales	
Massachusetts	\$699
District of Columbia	\$458
New York	\$336
Georgia	\$316
Maryland	\$278
Connecticut	\$277
New Jersey	\$276
South Carolina	\$265
Pennsylvania	\$247
Rhode Island	\$244
Michigan	\$219
Florida	\$217
New Hampshire	\$200
Ohio	\$193
Virginia	\$179
Kentucky	\$176
Maine	\$174
Vermont	\$168
Texas	\$161
Missouri	\$156
Tennessee	\$154
Illinois	\$153
Delaware	\$146
West Virginia	\$130
Indiana	\$129
Iowa	\$114
North Carolina	\$100
Colorado	\$99
California	\$98
Oregon	\$98
Wisconsin	\$92
Idaho	\$90
Minnesota	\$87
Kansas	\$85
New Mexico	\$79
Louisiana	\$77
Arizona	\$76
Washington	\$75
Nebraska	\$64
Oklahoma	\$57
South Dakota	\$50
Montana	\$42
North Dakota	\$35
Total recent annual lottery sales \$56,741,600,000	
As reported by the <i>New York Times</i> on 10/5/01	

Examining the Data

The data on the previous page is very important in that it tells us several things that need to be addressed.

1. In FY07, nearly 1400 Hoosiers were so desperate about their gambling problem that they called the help line.
2. In FY07, too few Hoosiers were able to access state funded treatment (only 20% of the help line total).
3. African-Americans sought help at a 50% higher rate than their percentage of the Indiana population.
4. In Lake County, 180 individuals called the helpline and 200 have joined the VEP but less than 5 individuals received state funded treatment.

Examining the data by region (north, central and south):

North

Help line callers	330
VEP members	351
7% Received state treatment	24

Central

Help line callers	249
VEP members	44
64% Received state treatment	160

South

Help line callers	133
VEP members	172
30% Received state treatment	40

Conclusion

We need to improve the current state funded treatment delivery system to make it more accessible to all Hoosiers who need help. This is especially true in northern and southern Indiana where so many Hoosiers call for help or sign up for the VEP but so very few receive state funded treatment. Effort needs to be expended to correct the lack of services available to all Hoosiers. This is certainly an unmet need.

2008 DMHA PG Training Events

The 2008 series of problem gambling training events provided by **DMHA** in Indianapolis designed to increase the number of credentialed PG counselors in Indiana continue. There is no registration cost for these events.

Training sessions:

Phases 1 & 2 January 8 & 9
(History and scope of gambling in US; Definitions, screening and assessment tools; Typology; DSM-IV criteria)

Phases 3 & 4 March 4 & 5
(The meaning of money; treatment planning; co-occurring disorders; stages of change; harm reduction; self help groups; Financial management issues; legal issues and gambling treatment)

Phases 5 & 6 April 8 & 9
(Biogenetics; Neurochemistry & Psychopharmacology & the Brain of gamblers; Special populations (teens, seniors, multi-cultural); Issues for women)

Phases 5 & 6 June 3 & 4
(Spirituality & Recovery; Treatment Design & levels of care; Relapse prevention; Workplace & EAP issues; Reimbursement strategies; Transference & counter-transference issues; Ethics standards; Resources; Certification standards)

Review for NCGC Exam June 11

Exam June 12

Joanna Franklin MS, NCGC II will be the trainer for these sessions.

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.

Each month on the first Wednesday and on the third Monday, clinical supervision calls will be

available for those intending to obtain the NCGC credential.

Deborah G. Haskins, PhD will provide the clinical supervision calls.

Information on this credential can be found at:

<http://www.ncpgambling.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3406>

For more information, please contact Jennifer Kelley at 812-855-7831 or jenkell@indiana.edu

Indiana Addiction Issues Coalition

The Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition is a broad-based, diverse, not-for-profit organization focused on creating and taking advantage of opportunities to bring all interested individuals and entities together, projecting a unified voice educating, influencing and advocating for addictions issues with the goal of changing attitudes, beliefs and confusion about addiction and improving the lives of those affected by addiction.

Visit the IAIC at:

www.recoveryindiana.org

Gambling Recovery Ministries

For the third consecutive year, the **GRM** was invited to participate in **U.S. Census Bureau's Health Fair** at Jeffersonville. The GRM was grateful to be a part of this event that had more than 1000 attendees. Plans to explore additional health fair events (local hospitals, etc.) are being developed – another great way to share the words of hope and help. Many people stopped by, picked up handouts, requested additional information, and asked to be put on GRM's mailing list, in order to receive the GRM newsletter/resource packet. For more information, please contact **Rev.**

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Important Dates in 2008

2008 NCPG Annual Conference
June 26-28 Hyatt Regency Hotel
Long Beach, CA

2008 MidCentral PG Conference
September 24-26 Location TBA

2008 NCRG Conference
November Dates/Location at Las Vegas TBA

Mark Mason of Argosy Casino & Hotel Recognized for his Leadership in PG

At the **2007 MidCentral Conference on PG**, the **KYCPG** and **ICPG** presented an award to **Mark Mason of Argosy Casino** for his continuing leadership with regard to problem gambling. Mark is the Director of Security at Argosy. Before joining Argosy, Mark was the Commander (Major) of the **Gaming Enforcement Division of the Indiana State Police Department** which served as the investigative and enforcement arm of the **Indiana Gaming Commission**. In that position he helped develop Indiana's **Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP)** for problem gamblers which is used to discourage them from visiting Indiana's casinos.

Mark also provided input for Argosy's separate exclusion program for those problem gamblers who wish to exclude themselves from only Argosy. In 2006 Mark was instrumental in Argosy's donation of more than \$40,000 to the Indiana Council. These funds had been illegally won by violators of their exclusion agreement with Argosy. Argosy and its parent corporation, **Penn National Gaming**, felt that these dollars could be best used to help problem gamblers via the ICPG. A portion of these funds have been used to support of the **ICPG's** web site and printed brochures. Earlier this year, these dollars allowed for the development and production of the **Charity Gaming Brochure** jointly developed and produced by Kentucky and Indiana Councils. These funds will be used to facilitate other regional cooperative projects in the future with our sister organizations in the surrounding states which are now working together through the **MidCentral Alliance on Problem Gambling**.

Mark has been very involved with the **KYCPG** and has served on the ICPG

board since 2005. We again thank Mark for his continuing problem gambling leadership.

Important 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

Gamblers Anonymous: <http://www.gamblersanonymous.org/>

Gam-Anon: <http://www.gam-anon.org/>

Indianapolis Gamblers Anonymous: <http://indyga.org/>

Female Gamblers: <http://www.femalegamblers.org/>

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ICPG Newsletter

Please share the **ICPG Newsletter** with others who you think would be interested in the information that it contains. If you know someone that should be added to the electronic distribution, please let us know by emailing us at:

jllong@indianaproblemgambling.org

ICPG Brochures

Do you need copies of the Indiana Council's printed materials or know of an organization that does? Please let us know and we will send them to you.

Support the ICPG with your 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 \$40)

Sponsor (Businesses with up to 10 employees) (\$125)

Sponsor (Businesses with up to 50 employees) (\$250)

Sponsor (Businesses with more than 500 employees) (\$500)

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