

ICPG NEWSLETTER



The Indiana Council is pleased to begin distribution of our quarterly newsletter, the first State wide communication vehicle dealing exclusively with problem gambling issues in Indiana. The upcoming expansion of our web site will provide another avenue for individuals and organizations to access and share news and information. If you have an event or information that you wish to share, please send it to us and we will help disseminate your information to others interested in the issue of problem gambling.

Thanks,

Jerry Long, Executive Director
ICPG

2006 Indiana/Kentucky Problem Gambling Conference

The annual joint problem gambling conference produced by the Indiana and Kentucky Councils on Problem Gambling will be held at the Ramada Inn in Jeffersonville on September 13, 14 and 15. Shirley Beckett Mikell of NAADAC is assisting the Councils in our efforts to further broaden the audience of this annual conference which has grown every year. To accomplish this, the conference will have two tracks. One track will be problem gambler counselor specific and the other track will be feature more general clinical topics that are

relevant for all addiction counselors such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Pharmacological Treatment and Motivational Interviewing. The conference registration fee will be \$75. ICPG, KYCPG and NAADAC members will pay only \$50. This event will be approved for CEUs by the various counselor organizations. This conference will again be supported by dollars from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction. Please watch the ICPG and KCPG web sites for more information on this event.

Join the ICPG and save on your conference registration. Annual individual membership for the Indiana Council is \$50 and joint membership for the ICPG and the National Council on Problem Gambling is \$85. Joining both organizations at the same time saves you \$40. Additionally, you receive the NCPG newsletter and a discount of \$50 on registration for the annual NCPG Conference. Both the ICPG and the NCPG need your support. Please join us.

State Funded Problem Gambling Training in FY07

The Division of Mental Health and Addiction at this time plans to continue to support training events to expand community knowledge of problem gambling therapy and to increase the number of credentialed problem gambling counselors throughout the State. DMHA has funded this training for the last five years. The current plan calls for fewer events all of which

will be in Indianapolis in FY07.

There are approximately thirty credentialed problem gambling counselors in Indiana. These individuals have credentials from either the National Gambling Council Certification Board or the American Compulsive Gambling Counselor Certification Board. Individuals who have received training via DMHA and have met the NGCCB requirements

will take the test in Indianapolis in June to obtain a NGCCB counselor credential. Up to fifteen individuals are expected to take the test. This is very positive and DMHA and the Addictions Resource Network of Indiana (ARNI) who manages the training contract deserve our thanks for facilitating the training and the test.

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Indiana Council on Problem Gambling 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.

20th National Council on Problem Gambling Conference in St. Paul

This event will be on June 22-24 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in St. Paul Minnesota. For those of you who have not attended **ONE** of these events in the past, I highly recom-

mend doing so. This event attracts people and speakers from around the world. Attendance averages more than four hundred. This conference moves around the country each year and is hosted by the State NCPG

affiliate. The ICPG is one of several NCPG affiliates seeking to host this conference in 2008. Information on this event is available on the NCPG web site: www.ncpgambling.org.

General Indiana Updates and Information

2006 Charity Gaming Legislation

The Indiana State Legislature passed legislation (Senate Bill 0100) that transfers the responsibility for charity gaming from the Indiana Department of Revenue to the Indiana Gaming Commission on July 1, 2006. This is the only legislation effecting gaming in Indiana that was passed by the Legislature this year.

Expansion of the Indiana Council on Problem Gambling Web Site

Work continues with regard to the redesign and expansion of the ICPG web site: www.indianaproblemgambling.org. This was made possible by a community grant from the Hoosier Lottery. This grant also funded the design and production of a new Indiana Council brochure. The brochure is available without cost by contacting the Council at: jllongindy@aol.com or by calling our toll free number 1 (866) 699-4274. The target date for the web site changes is July 1. The ICPG thanks the Hoosier Lottery for making these projects possible.

Argosy Casino in Lawrenceburg has an innovative new way to support the ICPG

Sometimes problem gamblers return to casinos from which they have excluded themselves after signing an exclusion agreement with that individual casino. Pending the approval internal controls by the Indiana Gaming Commission, Argosy Casino hopes to begin donating the winnings of its property's banned gamblers (non-VEP) to the Indiana Council. Argosy is able to do this by virtue of the language contained in their exclusion agreement. Dollars won by those enrolled in the Indiana Gaming Commission's Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP) go to the IGC when they violate their VEP agreement. The ICPG thanks Argosy for this innovative way of supporting the Indiana Council.

Indiana Prevention Resource Center Problem Gambling Activities

The Indiana Problem Gambling Prevention Initiative was established at the Indiana Prevention Resource Center (IPRC) at IU Bloomington in 2005. This initiative is funded by a contract with the Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health and Addiction and Indiana University that focuses on activities to raise awareness of the issues related to problem gambling and promote the prevention of problem gambling among Indiana's citizens.

The Indiana Prevention Resource Center (IPRC) was established in 1987 to assist Indiana-based alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) prevention programs implement evidence-based programs, policies and strategies. The IPRC is expanding its mission to include the support of problem gambling prevention.

The initial phase of the initiative has focused on data collection and resource development, including:

Telephone Polls (youth, adults and older adults) on gambling behavior. The results of these surveys can be viewed at: <http://www.indianaproblemgambling.org/>

School based survey of youth and adolescents about their behaviors. Questions were included on the Annual survey of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use by Indiana Students and Adolescents conducted by the Indiana Prevention Resource Center at Indiana University Bloomington. The results of this initial data collection can be viewed at: <http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/survey/atod/2005/index.html>

Community readiness surveys in Lawrence and Orange Counties. These surveys looked at how community attitudes and beliefs around gambling and substance abuse. Results are pending.

Additionally, the library at the IPRC has developed resources available for loan and/or review around the issues of gambling prevention and treatment. These resources can be viewed at:

<http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/resources/library/index.html>.

Beginning in the fall of 2006 the DMHA funded after school program—Afternoon's R.O.C.K. in Indiana

(<http://www.drugs.indiana.edu/programs/rock.html>) will include problem gambling prevention and awareness activities.

The Afternoon's R.O.C.K. program focuses on youth ages 10-14 in the hours of 3 pm to 6 pm. The programs are provided in after school settings including schools, youth centers and faith based organizations. The program is statewide and serves over 14,000 youth annually.

In the upcoming year the Initiative will be looking at training and awareness activities that will support to reduce the incidence of problem gambling in Indiana.

For more information on this Initiative contact Mary Lay at the Division of Mental Health and Addiction, 317-232-7854 or mary.lay@fssa.in.gov.

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(\$125)

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(\$250)

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(\$500)

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Gambling Recovery Ministries

Gambling Recovery Ministries (GRM), based in Dearborn County, is the only wide scale outreach of its kind in the country within The United Methodist Church. Developed in 2001 as a faith-based pilot program, GRM - now a multi-faceted ministry serving the entire southern half of Indiana and points beyond - continues to bring real help into the picture of problem gambling through prevention education, excellent resource materials, training events for clergy and laity, and sharing referral information about treatment resources and support groups as GA and Gam-Anon. The diversity of GRM's ministries makes it adaptable to churches, schools, civic groups, libraries, and social service/ mental health agencies. GRM's outreach ranges from pulpit presentations to teen / adult organizations, college classroom teaching, counseling agency staff enrichment, community information meetings, and continuing education for social workers and mental health professionals.

Most recently, GRM presented two Problem Gambling Training Conferences in Fishers and Sellersburg. Present were mental health professionals, pastors, interested lay persons, compulsive gamblers in recovery, and loved ones of problem gamblers. Continuing education credits were given by the National Council on Problem Gambling and the South Indiana Conference of The UMC. Plans for future conferences in other locations of the State are now on the drawing board.

Since 2002, GRM's founding Director, Rev. Janet Jacobs, has given over 60 presentations including workshops at the Indiana Public Health Association's Annual Conference, "Many Voices, One Vision" statewide conference, and ISU's Spirituality and Addiction Conference. More information on GRM can be found on the website www.grmumc.org, or you may call the GRM Office & Resource Center (812-926-1052) or e-mail (jjacobs@grmumc.org) to contact Rev. Jacobs.