



NCPG Announces its 2021 National Conference *Online Event to Address Pandemic-Related Changes to the Field*

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Washington, DC – Today the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) announced the theme and dates for its well-known **National Conference on Gambling Addiction and Responsible Gambling**. Recognizing the pervasive effects of the pandemic, its theme will be ‘Embracing Change Together.’ This year’s pre-conference workshops and main conference activities will consist of four-hour daily sessions held in the afternoons (ET) over the course of eight days in June and July. Due to the pandemic, all the conference activities will occur online.

Pre-Conference Workshops

June 16 - 17 (Wednesday & Thursday)

June 23 - 24 (Wednesday & Thursday)

Main Conference

July 14 -15 (Wednesday & Thursday)

July 21 - 22 (Wednesday & Thursday)

“There is an unprecedented expansion of gambling—especially online sports betting – due in part to budget shortfalls caused by the pandemic and competition from neighboring states,” said Keith Whyte, Executive Director of NCPG. “We need similar growth in responsible gambling measures and help for all those affected by gambling addiction.”

Now in its 35th iteration, the conference is the oldest and largest annual national conference that brings together people from all facets of healthcare, research, government and the gambling industry. With top-notch state, national and international experts as speakers, the conference is a unique resource for everybody who works in these fields, as well as those in recovery and concerned others.

Whyte added, “The theme of the conference is ‘Embracing Change Together,’ which is a recognition that in the rapidly evolving gambling environment there is a critical need for collaborative and innovative

efforts to prevent and mitigate harm as much as possible. Our national conference is the premier event for everyone invested in those important endeavors.”

More information about the conference’s program and presenters will become available in the coming weeks. Details can be found by visiting the NCPG website at www.ncpgambling.org/conference.

About the National Council on Problem Gambling

Based in Washington DC, the National Council on Problem Gambling is the only national nonprofit organization that seeks to minimize the economic and social costs associated with gambling addiction by working with stakeholders in all facets of gambling. NCPG is neutral on legalized gambling. If gambling becomes a problem, NCPG urges people who gamble, as well as their loved ones, to contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline, which offers hope and help without judgment or shame. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call or text 1-800-522-4700 or visit www.ncpgambling.org/chat. Help is available 24/7 - it is free and confidential.

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