

KYCCG Fall Conference Nears; Early Member Registration \$130

Registration for the KYCCG *Fourth Annual Fall Educational and Awareness Conference*, to be held at the Holiday Inn-Hurstbourne, Louisville, Sept. 13-14, is \$130 for members and \$155 for non-members. A \$15 late fee will be assessed for on-site registration. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting KYCCG Executive Director Mike Stone at 502/223-1823 or by e-mail at kmstone@mis.net.

An \$85 per night, single/double rate (plus 12.36 percent tax) is available for conference attendees. Registrants should identify themselves as attending the Kentucky Council on Compulsive Gambling Conference when they make reservations by calling 502/426-2600. The reservation cutoff date is Aug. 29.

KYCCG is pleased and excited that noted academic researcher and clinician Robert Ladouceur, Ph.D., University of Laval, Canada, will present all day on Thursday, Sept. 13, 8:29 a.m.-4:29 p.m.. That evening, Gamblers Anonymous will hold an open meeting. Friday's program will begin with Eric Drogin, J.D., Ph.D., University of Louisville, on Legal and Liability Issues. Deana Y. Garner, J.D., NCAA Agent and Gambling Representative, will discuss Amateur Sports and Compulsive Gambling. KYCCG is hoping to involve representatives from the Universities of Kentucky and Louisville athletic departments in Garner's presentation. A update on compulsive gambling legislative issues before the 2002 Kentucky General Assembly will close the Friday morning program.

Included in the registration fee are continental breakfasts and luncheons on both Thursday and Friday, networking breaks, conference materials (including program and resource book), and CEU application fees. CEU authorization was requested from the CADC Certification Board, Kentucky State Board of Psychology, and the American Compulsive Gambling Counselor Certification Board. Contact Stone regarding other possible CEU requests.

KYCCG Responsible Gaming Seminar, Youth Lesson Plans on Gambling Behavior Available

Responsible Gaming Seminars

KYCCG, in collaboration with KYCCG Professional Adviser Curtis L. Barrett, Ph.D., ABPP, CCGC, has developed a menu of five *Responsible Gaming Seminars or Informational Presentations* that can be customized for any audience: gaming industry personnel, employee groups, civic or social organizations, etc. Presentations can be as short as a 30-minute informational overview about problem and compulsive gambling (aimed at civic or business organizations/associations) or as involved as a three-day, six-session seminar for gaming industry personnel.

Costs range from speaker travel expense reimbursement for the 30-minute informational presentation to \$3,250 for the three-day

seminar. KYCCG corporate members receive a 25 percent discount on most options. For more information or to book a program, please contact KYCCG Executive Director Mike Stone at 502/223-1823 or by e-mail at kmstone@mis.net.

Lesson Plans on Gambling Behavior

Youth who become aware of the potential dangers that can befall some who gamble have a better chance of managing gambling as entertainment. That is a goal of *Lesson Plans on Gambling Behavior* developed by KYCCG Board Member Tangerine-Ann Holt, Ph.D., University of Louisville and KYCCG Executive Director Stone. *Lesson Plans on Gambling Behavior* offers suggestions for middle and high school teachers who wish to present an awareness class on gambling. This is not a gambling-prevention program.

KYCCG, which is prohibited from taking a position for or against gambling, believes that youth who choose to gamble will be better prepared to keep gambling in perspective as entertainment if they are aware of the different types of gambling and what happens if gambling is out of control. *Lesson Plans on Gambling Behavior* covers the history of gambling, the type and availability of gambling, the mathematic odds of gambling, case histories, classroom activities, and warning signs and self-assessment. It comes with transparency/duplication masters and a booklet written for young readers. It also is available in a PowerPoint format.

For more information, contact Stone at the phone or e-mail listed above.

ACGCCB-Certified Compulsive Gambling Counselors in State

Five Kentuckians are certified by the American Compulsive Gambling Counselor Certification Board as compulsive gambling counselors (CCGC). The individuals documented their counseling education and experience counseling gamblers to earn the certification. ACGCCB recently instituted a comprehensive written test to accompany a 21-hour core-content classroom requirement. The core content can be obtained at KYCCG educational and awareness conferences.

RonSonLyn Colston, River Valley Behavioral Health, Owensboro, is the latest Kentuckian to receive her CCGC. She joins G. Steven Alexander, Four Rivers Behavioral Health, Murray; Kennon Stone, Salvation Army, Louisville; Craig H. Schulz, Hazard; and Curtis L. Barrett, Ph.D., professor emeritus, University of Louisville, as the state's certified compulsive gambling counselors. Seven additional counselors located in Bowling Green, Frankfort, Louisville, Paducah and Prestonsburg currently are seeking ACGCCB certification. A pamphlet on the certification program is available from KYCCG by calling 502/223-1823 or e-mailing kmstone@mis.net.

Callers to **1-800-GAMBLER**, a helpline answered by the Crisis Line staff at River Valley Behavioral Health in Owensboro, can be referred to certified counselors, those seeking certification or to self-help through Gamblers Anonymous (see back for meetings).

Pathological Gambling: Addiction Without Substance

(Editor's Note: *This is Part 4 of a paper coauthored by KYCCG Professional Adviser Curtis L. Barrett, Ph.D., ABPP, CCGC, with Eric Y. Drogin, J.D., Ph.D. The serialization will continue in this space.*)

Governments, in the form of state-operated lotteries, held 34.5 percent of the total (legal gaming) market (measured in Gross Gambling Revenue). Horse racing and other pari-mutuel wagering accounted for 8 percent of gambling revenue, with another 6 percent coming from card rooms, charitable gaming and bookmaking. Reliable estimates of illegal gambling revenues, of course, are not available.

Partly because there is a great deal of controversy about the contribution of legalized gambling to crime and social deviance, Congress established the National Gaming Impact Study Commission (NGISC) in 1996. Arguing that their interests had been neglected in forming the NGISC, the National Coalition of Legislators from Gambling States (NCLGS) established the Public Sector Gaming Impact Study Commission (PSGSC) three years later. The results of these two studies generally suggest that legalized gambling may not increase crime and social deviance in communities where the gambling occurs.

Addiction, of course, is readily associated with crime and social deviance. So-called "crack houses" are found in areas where stolen property can be sold to raise money for the drugs that an addict must have. Selling drugs is an all-but-inevitable part of the progression of the substance-based addictions. Pathological gambling is no exception to this rule. Of some 40,000 individuals who called the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey help line, 1-800-GAMBLER, three-fourths admitted to having committed one or more felonies in order to obtain money for

gambling. Moore (1981) describes the career of a pathological gambler who defrauded scores of banks and individuals in Texas. Ross (1987) tells the story of Brian Malony, who embezzled approximately \$10 million from the Canadian Imperial Bank in a period of 18 months.

More common than these notorious cases are family disruptions caused by what the 12-step group, Gamblers Anonymous, refers to as the pathological gambler's "borrowing without the owner's permission." Retirement funds, cash value from insurance policies, electronic equipment that is easily pawned, jewelry, and other ready sources of cash may be exploited by the gamblers fairly early in their careers. Attorneys who are pathological gamblers may misappropriate client funds, including money from escrow accounts. Stockbrokers are at risk for similar transgressions. Race track pari-mutuel clerks and other employees who handle cash, if they are Pathological Gamblers, also may "borrow."

Eventually, issues of social deviance must be considered in terms of accountability for social policy. It can be said that most persons who use illicit drugs chose to do so knowing that negative consequences, such as addiction, were likely. As Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda once remarked: "It wasn't an addiction when he took the first drink." Gambling, on the other hand, is now a commercial enterprise of state governments, which tout lotteries as providing funds for education and other civic causes. Do Pathological Gamblers "knowingly and intelligently" decide to risk addiction when they buy their first lottery ticket or gamble at a casino justified by community leaders as necessary for economic development?

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Upcoming Events

September 13-14, Louisville, Fourth Annual Fall Educational and Awareness Conference, Kentucky Council on Compulsive Gambling, featuring Robert Ladouceur, Ph.D., University of Laval.

October 1-3, Louisville, Hurstbourne Hotel, 12th Mental Health Institute.

Oct. 17-19, Kentucky Counseling Association Fall Conference, Louisville, Galt House Hotel.

Feb. 21-22, 2002, KYCCG Sixth Annual Educational and Awareness Conference, Lexington, Holiday Inn-South

Gamblers Anonymous Meetings

The following is a list of the current G.A. (Gamblers Anonymous) meetings in or serving Kentucky. For exact times, locations and a phone number for contact person, **please call 1-800-GAMBLER.**

Monday

- Southeast Christian Church, 7 p.m., Louisville (Also separate Gam-Anon meeting at 6 p.m.)
- United Way Building, 7 p.m., Bowling Green
- St. Paul Lutheran Church, 8 p.m., Huntington, WV
- Steppingstone Counseling, 7 p.m., Evansville, IN

Tuesday

- CARE Center, 9 p.m., Louisville
- First Presbyterian Church, 6:30 p.m., Lexington
- Pikeville Regional Technology Center, 6:30 p.m., Pikeville (Also separate Gam-Anon meeting)
- Florence Christian Church, 8 p.m., Florence

Wednesday

- Pigeon Roost 12-step Club, 7:30 p.m., Louisville

Thursday

- St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 6:30 p.m., Lexington
- Southland Christian Church, 6:30 p.m., Lexington
- Caritas Hospital B Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m., Louisville

- St. Mary's Church, 6 p.m., Evansville (Also separate Gam-Anon meeting)

Friday

- Generations Center (downtown), 6 p.m., Hazard
- Southeast Church of Christ, 7:30 p.m., Louisville (Also separate Gam-Anon meeting)

Saturday

- Pigeon Roost 12-step Club, 8:30 a.m., Louisville
- Token Club III, 6 p.m., Louisville

Sunday

- Iroquois Pizza (2nd&4th), 1 p.m., Louisville (Open Meeting, family welcome)
- KET Building, 4:30 p.m., Lexington (Also separate Gam-Anon meeting)