

Problem Gambling Services



Announcements

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Addictions and Mental Health Division

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Staff changes? Please notify **Patricia** ASAP so we can keep our records current! patricia.alderson@state.or.us

From Paul's Desk

We are within days of the closure of the 07-09 Legislative Session and PGS appears to be moving towards an approved Budget. Then we will be able to focus on the issues that this process has left in its wake. We were unable to fund all initiatives that we planned for. For the first time in history we are facing a declining budget as Lottery revenues are declining. This means we have to be clear about funding priorities. We have made a commitment to fund all treatment and prevention at 07-09 levels. We have made a commitment to invest in Oregon's frontier and rural counties by providing base funding. We must continue to fund our Management Information System and our State-Wide Helpline. We will continue with modest funding to support workforce development, certification, and clinical consultation. Given the depth of the recession I am grateful that we have survived and will be able to continue our work on behalf of the clients who so desperately need our help.

"Father Gets Life Back"



Check out this article, which is currently featured on the DHS home page: <http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/>. It features Nate Peterson, who is a member of the Voices of Recovery, our new group of recovering problem gamblers who are sharing their stories and hope for recovery. Accompanied by Paul D. Potter, Problem Gambling Services Manager, Nate recently testified about his gambling problem, treatment and recovery for the Oregon House Committee on Human Services when they requested an update on problem gambling services.

Learn more about Voices of Recovery by going to <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/gambling.shtml#support> and clicking on "Voices of Recovery" pdf.

Problem Gambling Training Opportunities

The Northwest Institute of Addiction Studies is scheduled for July 22-24 at the Monarch Hotel Conference Center in Clackamas, OR. Gambling-specific workshops include:

"Clinical Issues in Assessing and Treating Problem Gambling" featuring Ken Winters; and "The Changing Neighborhood of Problem Gamblers and Problem Gambling Counseling" featuring Deborah Haskins

A number of other relevant workshops will be offered, including: Marital and Family Treatment, Motivational Interviewing for COD Clients, Integrating SA and MH Treatment, Treating Sex and Internet Addictions, Mindfulness, Trauma, Adolescent Treatment...and more!

For more information, workshop descriptions and registration information go to:

<http://www.lclark.edu/~ccps/nwais/index.html>

Washington Council on Problem Gambling course offerings are now listed on the state PGS website--go to <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/gambling.shtml#oregon> and click on Tools for Oregon Providers, then scroll down to Upcoming Training.

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DHS Problem Gambling Services web site: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/addiction/gambling.shtml>

Helpline website: 1877mylimit.org

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