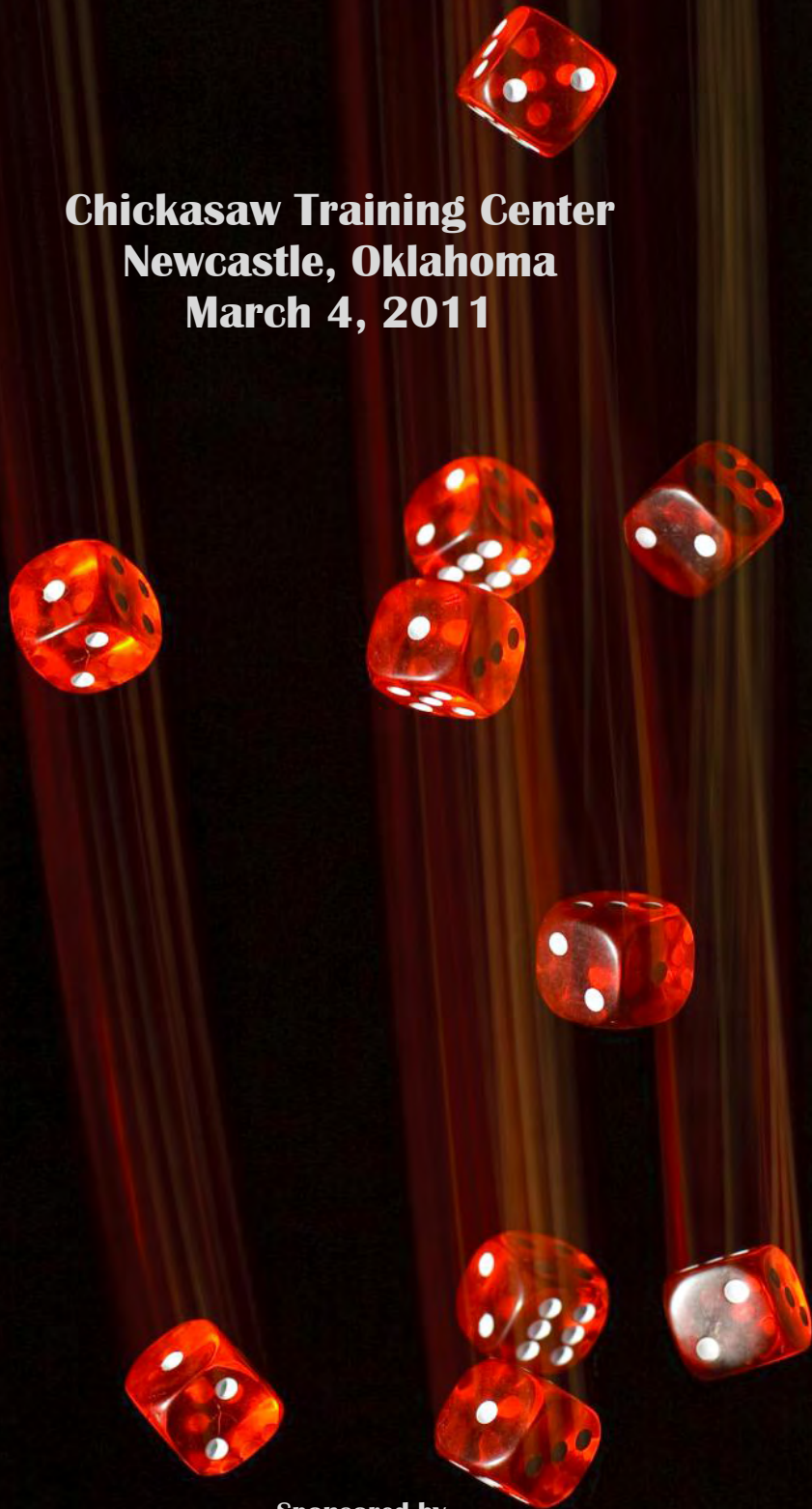


# **4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING**

**Research, Prevention, and Treatment:  
New Trends and the State of Gambling in Oklahoma**

**Chickasaw Training Center  
Newcastle, Oklahoma  
March 4, 2011**



**Sponsored by  
Oklahoma Association for Problem and Compulsive Gambling  
Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services**

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Gambling has quickly become an acceptable part of our society. While for most people, gambling is merely an occasional social or recreational activity, for others it can become uncontrollable.

This conference will be of interest to anyone who comes in contact with persons with problem gambling issues: persons working in mental health and substance abuse counseling, prevention, tribal gaming, social services, clergy, criminal justice, education, human resources, crisis hotlines, financial institutions and credit counseling agencies.

## CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

This annual conference is designed to expand the knowledge among all professionals and to promote integrated services to improve the health of our communities. The conference provides the opportunity for Oklahoma professionals to learn how to bridge gaps in service and become better equipped to help address the impact of problem gambling on individuals and families in our state.

Participants will hear from problem gambling treatment and prevention experts through a variety of presentations on prevention and treatment strategies. Training Sessions will increase clinicians' skills in clinical interventions, addictions treatment, and case management for people experiencing gambling disorders. Clinicians will learn how to incorporate problem gambling information and treatment skills into their clinical practices.

## CONFERENCE SPONSORS



Oklahoma Department of Mental Health  
and Substance Abuse Services

## CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

### **Jerry Bauerkemper BS, CCGC**

Mr. Bauerkemper is currently the Executive Director of the Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling. He was the first director of problem gambling (1992 to 1996) for the state of Nebraska, where he created the Gamblers Assistance program and pioneered the treatment of gambling counseling in Nebraska. In addition he was appointed and served on the Nebraska's Commission on Problem Gambling. He served on the Board of Directors for the National Council on Problem Gambling from 2001-2008. He currently serves on the National Councils' Legislative committee where he helps raise awareness of problem gambling in Washington DC. Mr. Bauerkemper has been providing counseling to gambling families since 1986. He has published research on the prevalence of problem gambling in the Nebraska Probation Department. He received the "First Step" award in 1999 for his work with problem gamblers. Mr. Bauerkemper is a nationally recognized expert on problem gambling and has provided training throughout the United States.

### **Mark Yapelli, M.Ed.**

Mr. Yapelli is a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma, working towards a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. He holds an M.Ed. in Community Counseling and has worked as a counselor at the University of Oklahoma's Counseling Psychology Clinic and at Moore Youth and Family Services. He will soon begin work on a doctoral dissertation focusing on problem and pathological gambling.

### **Wiley D. Harwell, D.Min., LPC, NCGC-I**

Mr. Harwell is the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association for Problem and Compulsive Gambling. Wiley has a Doctor of Ministry degree from Southern Methodist University, a Masters of Divinity from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky and a bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist University.

Wiley has served as the director of employee assistance programs for twenty years and has provided counseling to employees and family members for over fifty companies. During that time he has provided training programs to these companies and currently leads trainings for tribal casinos and well as continuing education for mental health professionals on problem gambling.

OAPCG is the official affiliate of the National Council on Problem Gambling. As the affiliate, Wiley administers the Oklahoma Helpline, leads training for certification to become a certified gambling counselor, works with tribes to promote responsible gambling, promotes awareness for problem gambling to the public and government officials, and works in cooperation with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services as an advocate for all aspects of problem gambling issues.

### **Charles F. Vorkoper, LMSW, NCGC-II, BACC**

Mr. Vorkoper is a counselor in Private Practice in Dallas, Texas. He is a Certified Gambling Counselor - II and a Board Certified Consultant for the International Gambling Certification Board. He trains mental health professionals for certification in several states as a BACC. He is President of the Board of the Texas Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling. He has experience in the areas of suicide, crisis, and group psychotherapy.

### **Tim Christensen, MPA**

Mr. Christensen is also the current President of the Association of Problem Gambling Service Administrators and is Chair of the Federal Affairs Committee of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Previously he served on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for the National Council on Problem Gambling. Tim has provided consultation to numerous state governments on the development and implementation of publicly funded problem gambling programs. Tim earned his Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Nebraska – Omaha in which his primary focus of research dealt with problem gambling programs and public policy.

## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

### **New Trends in Problem Gambling Prevention. *Jerry Bauerkemper, BS, CCGC***

This training will provide a review of the types of gambling prevention activities in place around the country and in Canada. Reviewed will be public awareness campaigns to school and community curriculums, private campaigns and public campaigns and research reviews. Resources and website information will be in integral part of this presentation.

### **Correlates of Problem and Pathological Gambling in Undergraduate Students: An exploratory Study.**

***Mark Yapelli, M.Ed., Ph.D.***

This pre-dissertation research study is an exploratory analysis of the prevalence of problem and pathological gambling rates among undergraduates, as well as some risk factors associated with gambling behaviors. This study utilizes data obtained from undergraduate students at the University of Oklahoma. Each participant completed a questionnaire including an informed consent document, a demographic questionnaire, a gambling behavior questionnaire, and the following instruments: The South Oaks Gambling Screen (SOGS; Lesieur & Blume, 1987), The Canadian Problem Gambling Index (CPGI; Ferris & Wynne, 2001), The Personal Feelings Questionnaire-2 (PFQ2; Harder, 1993), and the Sensation Seeking Scale-V (SSS-V; Zuckerman, 1994). The presentation will provide a brief review of academic literature on gambling behaviors among college-aged persons, and provide results of the study.

### **Problem Gambling in Oklahoma Update and Latest Studies on Relationship of Trauma and Problem Gambling. *Wiley D. Harwell, D.Min., LPC, NCGC-I***

This presentation will present the overview of Problem Gambling in Oklahoma and the latest information about the relationship between clients with trauma and the tendency to develop problem and pathological gambling. The presentation will explore the brain chemistry relationship in trauma victims and explain why gambling activity is a natural outlet for relief and escape. The typical flight and response of stress and trauma can also move into a state of immobility which impairs the ability to think with reason, see the consequences of one's behavior, and remove one's self from the trance like state. Participants will also be given brief methods to help clients find a comfort zone to deal with trauma, relieve the immobility and return to normal levels of functioning.

### **Treating the Suicidal Compulsive Gambler. *Charles Vorkoper, LMSW, NCGC-II, BACC***

It is known that Compulsive Gamblers in the Desperation Phase of their addiction frequently think about suicide. We have good reason to believe that Compulsive Gamblers commit suicide in larger numbers than the nation's average. This presentation will present a view of the experience of the suicidal compulsive gambler and will offer a way of treating them that offers hope. The survivors (families, friends, business associates, and counselors, therapists, and other helping professionals) will be described with proposals for their care after a death.

### **Overview of Problem Gambling Services in the United States. *Tim Christensen, MPA***

This presentation contains the most current information on the status of publicly funded programs addressing problem gambling services in the United States. Conducted by the Association of Problem Gambling Service Administrators, this survey is the only one of its kind in the US and will provide participants with the most comprehensive information on the latest developments in State efforts to mitigate problem gambling. In addition to providing an up-to-date status report, policy implications will be discussed including service system strengths, gaps and areas targeted for improvement. Finally, the potential impact on States and non-governmental organizations of federal legislation currently introduced in Congress will be discussed.

This presentation will improve participants understanding of the role of State governments in problem gambling service systems and increase their capacity to support and join with public efforts to mitigate the impact of problem gambling in their communities. In addition, participants will be aware of trends in the public sector service system and allow them to more effectively advocate for, and work towards, system improvements.



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## **AGENDA**

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| <b>8:00 – 8:30</b>   | <b>Registration and Networking</b>  |
| <b>8:30 – 9:00</b>   | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br><i>Wiley D. Harwell, D.Min., LPC, NCGC-I</i><br><i>Oklahoma Association of Problem and Compulsive Gambling</i><br><br><i>Armisha Harrison, Coordinator for Problem Gambling</i><br><i>Oklahoma Department of Mental Health &amp; Substance Abuse Services</i><br><br><b>Opening Remarks</b><br><i>Caletta McPherson, Deputy Commissioner for Substance Abuse Services</i><br><i>Oklahoma Department of Mental Health &amp; Substance Abuse Services</i> |
| <b>9:00 – 10:30</b>  | <b>New Trends in Problem Gambling Prevention</b><br><i>Jerry Bauerkemper, BS, CCGC</i>  |
| <b>10:30– 10:45</b>  | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>10:45 – 11:45</b> | <b>Correlates of Problem and Pathological Gambling in Undergraduate Students:<br/>An exploratory Study</b><br><i>Mark Yapelli, M.Ed., Ph.D.</i>   |
| <b>11:45 – 1:00</b>  | <b>Working Lunch (Box Lunch Provided)</b><br><b>Problem Gambling in Oklahoma Update and Latest Studies on Relationship of<br/>Trauma and Problem Gambling</b><br><i>Wiley D. Harwell, D.Min., LPC, NCGC-I</i>   |
| <b>1:00 – 2:30</b>   | <b>Treating the Suicidal Compulsive Gambler</b><br><i>Charles Vorkoper, LMSW, NCGC-II, BACC</i>   |
| <b>2:30 – 2:45</b>   | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>2:45 – 4:15</b>   | <b>Overview of Problem Gambling Services in the United States</b><br><i>Tim Christensen, MPA</i>  |

## LOCATION

The conference will be held on Friday, March 4, 2011, at the Chickasaw Training Center, 400 NW 32nd, Hwy. 37, Newcastle, Oklahoma.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

The Oklahoma Institute for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Education and Training is accredited by the Oklahoma State Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Institute for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Education and Training designates this educational activity for a maximum of 6.50 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Six and one-half (6.50) continuing education credit hours have been approved through the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers, the Oklahoma Board of Examiners of Psychologists, the Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors, the Licensed Professional Counselors Committee, and the Licensed Marital and Family Therapist Committee.

Please check in at the registration desk upon your arrival to verify your attendance. Continuing education credit is not provided without verification. At the completion of the conference, all participants will receive a certificate of attendance from the ODMHSAS Institute for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Education and Training. For more information, call Human Resources Development at 405-522-8300.

## HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Certificates of attendance will be distributed at the end of the conference. If you are unable to complete the conference, you may pick up a certificate before you leave, which will reflect the actual hours you were in attendance. Participant evaluation forms must be submitted in order to receive continuing education credit and a certificate of attendance. There is a \$5.00 charge for any certificates that are reissued.

## SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Sign language interpreters or assistive listening devices will be made available as needed for hearing impaired participants. These or other requests for special accommodations should be indicated on the registration form. Conference organizers will contact you for specifics.

## REGISTRATION AND FEES

Space is limited so it is important to register early. Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Please complete the registration form below and return it to Human Resources Development by **February 25, 2011, for the Early Bird Rate**. Make checks or purchase orders payable to ODMHSAS. ODMHSAS will also accept Visa and MasterCard. A box lunch will be provided at no cost to participants.

## LODGING

Participants must make their own lodging reservations. A block of rooms has been set aside for participants. Call the hotel listed below and ask for the special group rate for the "Problem Gambling Conference" sponsored by Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

### Fairfield Inn & Suites Norman

301 Norman Center Court  
Norman, OK 73072  
Phone: (405) 447-1661

## CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

Is your organization one you want others to know about? An exhibit at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Conference on Problem Gambling will introduce your organization to professionals from Oklahoma and surrounding states. To discuss becoming an exhibitor, call Monica Riefer at 405-522-8300 or by e-mail at [mxriefer@odmhsas.org](mailto:mxriefer@odmhsas.org) to request an exhibitor form or information.



## REGISTRATION FORM

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Conference on Problem Gambling – March 4, 2011**

#### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

Complete the form below and mail it (with payment, if applicable) to:

**By Mail:** ODMHSAS, Human Resources Development, 2401 NW 23rd Street, Suite 1F, Oklahoma City, OK 73107

**By Fax:** Faxed registrations are accepted at **405-522-8320**

**Online:** To register online or for more information, go to <http://www.odmhsas.org/upcomingevents.htm>

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation or Job Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Employment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Note:** If an e-mail address is included, a confirmation that your registration has been received will be e-mailed to you.

☐ **I require special accommodations as follows:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **PAYMENT**

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please enclose payment with your registration. If paying by purchase order (PO), please mail or fax a copy of the purchase order with the name of the attendee(s) included on the PO. If paying by check or money order please make payable to ODMHSAS. Please check all boxes that apply. **No Refunds.**

#### **FORM OF PAYMENT**

- ☐ Check or Money Order  
☐ Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Credit Card (circle one):  
    Visa                  MasterCard

#### **EARLY-BIRD RATE**

(by Feb 25)

- ☐ \$75  
☐ \$75  
☐ \$75

#### **REGULAR RATE**

(after Feb 25)

- ☐ \$125  
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Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT REQUESTED**

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