



## CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

### **25th National Conference on Problem Gambling Prevention, Research, Recovery & Treatment**

*June 30-July 2, 2011*  
Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA

### ***Celebrating 25 Years: Revolutionary Changes and Emerging Innovations***

The 2011 Program Committee calls on advocates, clinicians, researchers, gaming operators, regulators and recovering gamblers to submit pre-conference workshops, breakout presentations and posters for the 25th National Conference. The submission deadline is Wednesday, February 16, 2011. The bulk of the sessions address basic and advanced clinical issues with additional tracks on: recovery & recovery systems, prevention issues & approaches, creative approaches to outreach & intervention challenges, and gambling policy, legislation & regulation. Counselors comprise the majority of the audience; other attendees include researchers, legislators, regulators, preventionists, gaming industry executives and employees, media, policy makers, recovering gamblers and family members. The conference will take place over two days, starting Friday morning and ending Saturday afternoon, with optional pre-conference workshops on Wednesday and Thursday.

- Presentations should reflect new and original work.
- Pre-Conference workshops are held Wednesday, June 29 and Thursday, June 30.
- General Conference sessions run from Friday, July 1 to Saturday, July 2.
- All submissions must be made online: [www.ncpgambling.org/2011submission](http://www.ncpgambling.org/2011submission)

#### Tracks/Trails:

- Treatment & Clinical Issues: Basic, Intermediate and Advanced
- Topics of Recovery & Recovery Systems
- Creative Solutions to Outreach & Intervention Challenges
- Prevention Approaches & Issues
- Gambling Policy, Legislation & Regulation

#### Additional Areas of Interest:

- Ethics and Legal Issues
- Special Populations/Diversity
- Integrating Research into Practice
- Advocacy
- Public Awareness & Outreach
- Responsible Gaming
- Helpline and Referral Services

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Formats:

- Breakout presentations are usually given by one presenter focusing on a specific topic, but may also be configured as a Panel or Roundtable with three to five speakers. Breakout presentations are given in breakout sessions of approximately 60 minutes, which includes time for introductions and questions.
- Posters are presented in a half-hour plenary session and provide an avenue for informal discussions among colleagues and interested browsers. Poster presentations require the preparation of a visual display of the essential contents of a paper (e.g. abstract, short narrative, enlarged graphs or pictures, and a brief conclusion). The abstracts and contact information of the poster authors will be provided to every attendee.
- Pre-Conference Workshops are offered for intensive and specific skill development which incorporates hands-on exercises and a significant amount of dialogue. Sessions are a minimum of 3 hours and participants must sign up in advance for a limited number of seats.
- Prevention Showcase features selected programs in an interactive, exhibit hall setting to present their information and engage with the attendees. Showcase presenters are specifically requested to develop handouts with information on their program's target audience, goals, strategies, budget, timeframe, methods, evaluation and results.
- Proposals for other formats are encouraged and will be given careful consideration.

All submissions will be reviewed by the 2011 Program Committee using the following criteria:

- Relevance to Topic (problem gambling, prevention, treatment, responsible gaming, research and recovery)
- Relevance to Theme (changes and innovation; new looks at existing models, new models, integrated services, high tech services)
- Presenter(s) Profile (experience, availability, credentials, and requested stipend)
- Impact of Presentation (how it will enhance participant's specific knowledge and skill levels, practicality, adaptability, incorporation of evidence-based or best practices)

Time and space restrictions severely limit the number of presentations we can accept, and presenters may be asked to alter their submission to fit the program. All who submit a proposal will be notified by March 31, 2011 regarding the Committee's decision, which is final. NCPG reserves the absolute right to accept or reject submissions at its sole discretion. We are happy to accommodate any special needs, but please let us know as soon as possible to allow us to make appropriate arrangements.

All presenters, co-presenters and panelists are required to register for the conference, and are also responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses. Presenters receive a substantial discount on the conference and may request an additional stipend, although such requests will be taken into account when evaluating submissions. Additional information will be available at [www.ncpgambling.org/conference.htm](http://www.ncpgambling.org/conference.htm). The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers has a special conference room rate of \$149/night plus taxes available until May 31, 2011 and good thru July 4, 2011. Call Starwood Hotels Reservations at 1-800-225-2008 and ask for the Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers or call the hotel directly 617-426-2000.

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