

3rd Annual Statewide Conference on Problem Gambling

The Scope and Boundaries of Problem Gambling Treatment



**March 5, 2010 • Newcastle, Oklahoma
Chickasaw Training Center**

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 OUTLINE

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 PRESENTERS

Jim Ekart, Table Games Trainer of Osage Nation Casinos

After decades of casino gaming experience as a player, Jim took the opportunity to enter the gaming industry as a second career 4 ½ years ago first as a Table Games Dealer and then as a Table Games Supervisor. For the past 3 years, Jim has filled the position of Senior Table Games trainer for the Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino.

Daniel L. Smith, MA, LCSW, CCGC, NCGC-II SAP CISD is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), and a designated Board Approved Clinical Consultant for the National Council on Problem Gambling. Dan is also Clinical Director of Responsible and Problem Gambling Programs at Community Services of Missouri in St. Louis. Mr. Smith counsels dual diagnosis, gambling, and substance dependent clients. He spent a dozen years as case manager *in relapse prevention* at Hyland Behavioral Health in St. Louis and served as a Unity Health System Employee Assistance Professional. He is a Substance Abuse Professional as defined by federal DOT guidelines, and a Certified Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Professional.

Charles F. Vorkoper, MSSW, LMSW-ACP, LPC, LMFT, NCGC-II is a counselor in Private Practice in Dallas, Texas, a Certified Gambling Counselor and a Consultant for the National Gambling Counselor Certification Board. He served as clinical consultant to the Texas Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling from 1992 to 2003 and now serves as President of the Board of the Texas Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling. He was Director of the Suicide Prevention Center of Dallas, a crisis hotline. He has made frequent presentations at the national meetings of the American Association of Suicidology and conducted workshops on the subjects of suicide across the country. Recently he has co-authored with Judy Meade a book chapter, "Loss of a Client to Suicide."

Harry Boyd, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist whose specialty is group therapy. He has been in practice in the Oklahoma City/Norman area for 49 years. He is the author of a number of articles on group and individual psychotherapy, and has been made a Fellow of the American Group Psychotherapy Association for his contributions to the field. His current primary interest is in cognitive-behavioral therapy. He works at the Central Oklahoma Community Mental Health Center in Norman.

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AGENDA Friday – March 5, 2010

8:00 – 9:00 Registration and Networking

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome
Wiley D. Harwell, D.Min., LPC, NCGC-I
Oklahoma Association of Problem and Compulsive Gambling

Opening Remarks
Caletta McPherson, Deputy Commissioner for Substance Abuse Services
Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

9:30 – 10:30 Poker, Table Games and Gaming Terminology 101. *Jim Ekart, Table Games Trainer of Osage Nation Casinos*

10:30– 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 **Developing a Solution That Works: Best Practices for Gambling Counseling.**
Dan Smith, LCSW, BACC, NCGC-II.
Open-ended treatment continues to be a concern. This session will present what has worked and what has not in the past. Given the economy, we must adjust treatment to always meet the needs of the client, and do so within the framework of available funds. We will discuss options and benefit/cost analysis in respect to ethical, soundly evidence-based, and efficient outpatient treatment. One option which will be explored is to intensify treatment at the front end and gradually step down as the client works toward recovery.

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch Provided

12:30 – 1:30 Working Lunch
Problem Gambling Impact Panel with Louis, Pam, Cecilia and Joan

1:30 – 1:45 Break

1:45 – 3:00 **What Gambling Counselors Do – And Don't.** *Charles Vorkoper, LCSW, BACC, NCGC-II.*
Counselors play an important role in the treatment of compulsive gamblers and their families. This presentation will highlight the importance of that role by describing the limits of a counselor's role. Counselors are not Gamblers Anonymous. Counselors are not sponsors. Counselors intervene in the family, offer hope that change is possible (counseling ends), are an educated and trained professional and have access to a wide array of specialized sources of help.

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:45 **Learning to Work Effectively With Groups.** *Harry Boyd, Ph.D.*
In this brief introduction to group therapy, we will focus on the problems of creating and maintaining a change-oriented group. Attention will be paid to setting group boundaries, both external and internal. Developing an environment of trust within which genuine change can occur will be a primary focus.

LOCATION

Chickasaw Training Center
400 NW 32nd, Hwy. 37
Newcastle, Oklahoma 73065

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.

Six (6.0) 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 26, 2010, for the Early Bird Rate**. Make checks or purchase orders payable to ODMHSAS. ODMHSAS will also accept Visa and MasterCard. 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

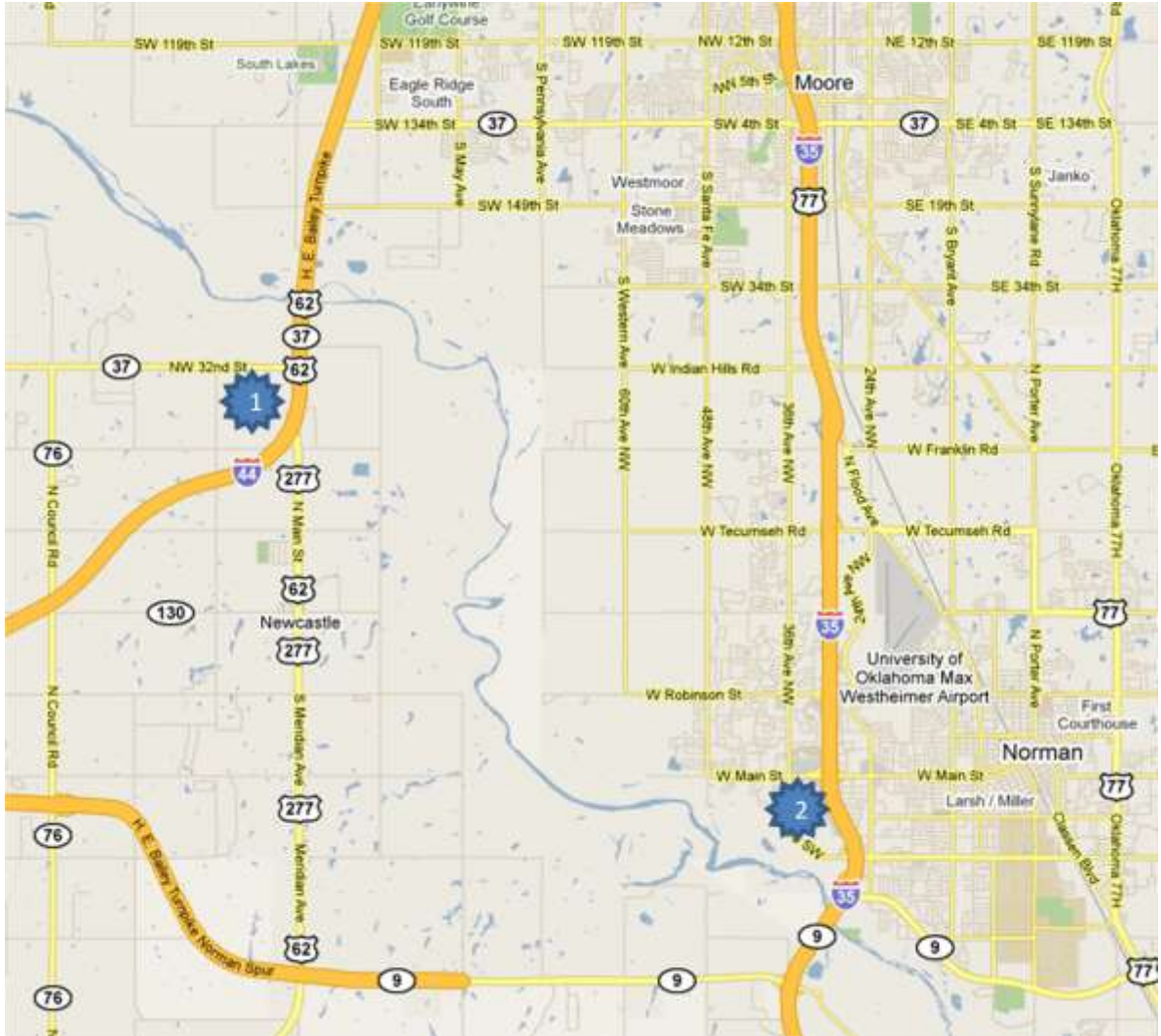
Is your organization one you want others to know about? An exhibit at the 3rd Annual Statewide Conference on Problem Gambling will introduce your organization to professionals from Oklahoma and surrounding states. To discuss becoming an exhibitor, call Candice Sparks at 405-522-8300 or email csparks@odmhsas.org to request an exhibitor form or information.



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 400 NW 32nd St.
 Newcastle, OK



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



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Print out and complete the form below and mail it to:

Human Resources Development
Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
2401 W. 23rd St., Suite 1F
Oklahoma City, OK 73107

Register On-line at <http://www.odmhsas.org/upcomingevents.htm>

Faxed registrations are accepted at 405-522-8320

Name: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Occupation or Job Title: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

**If an email address is included, a confirmation that your registration has been received will be emailed to you.

I require special accommodations as follows: _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

\$75.00 – **Early Bird Registration** – received on or before February 26, 2010 (includes lunch)

\$125.00 – **Late Registration** – received after February 26, 2010 (includes lunch)

PAYMENT

Please enclose registration payment. 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. FEI#73-6017987

Check

Money Order

Purchase Order # _____

Credit Card

Credit Card: Type of Card (circle one) Visa MasterCard

Card Number: _____ Expiration date: ____/____

Authorization Signature: _____

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT REQUESTED

LPC

LADC

LBP

Psychologist

CADC

CPS

Pharmacist

CME

RSS

LMFT

MSW

Case Management Certification

LCSW

Under Supervision

Other: _____