



Arizona Office of Problem Gambling Presents the 2015 Symposium

“PROBLEM GAMBLING:
EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES AND
EMBRACING OPPORTUNITIES”

MARCH 2, 2015



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ARIZONA OPG 2015 SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

Monday, March 2, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Black Canyon Conference Center
9440 N. 25th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona 85021
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CONTINUING EDUCATION

All participants will receive a certificate of completion. The Arizona Board of Certification of Addiction Counselors and the National Council on Problem Gambling may award up to six CEUs for this symposium.

PRESENTERS & KEYNOTES:

Christopher Anderson

Gambling Recovery Center - Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Anderson, a recovering compulsive gambler, has a MS in Clinical Counseling with a specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy. He is a Clinical Member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Illinois, and is a National Certified Gambling Counselor and Supervisor of the Gambling Recovery Center in Chicago. In 2005, he was appointed by the governor to the Illinois Gaming Board. He is a co-author of the Illinois 'Compulsive Gambling Program' which became law in January of 1996.

Bobbe McGinley & Stacey Beck

Co-Presenters

Ms. McGinley has been working in the field of chemical dependency since 1988 and has worked with problem and compulsive gamblers since being certified by the Arizona Council on Compulsive Gambling, Inc. in 1996; she was certified by the National Council on Problem Gambling in 1999. Bobbe is Founder of ACT-Counseling & Education, which is located in three Arizona cities and also co-founded PITCH4KIDZ, a non-profit organization providing positive interventions targeting communication and healing for children ages 6-12, of addicted parents/care givers.

Ms. Beck was married to Major League Baseball Pitcher Rod Beck who suffered with a substance abuse problem. Stacey knew little about the disease of addiction until she and her two daughters became educated, benefitting especially from supportive programs designed for children. Beck died in 2007. Since then Stacey and her daughters, Kayla and Kelsey, have focused on the importance of helping others facing similar circumstances.

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Registration

8:30 a.m.- 8:45 a.m.
Welcome
Ms. Larissa T. Pixler
Program Director, Arizona Office of Problem Gambling

8:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Keynote Address: The Dream World of the Gambler
Mr. Christopher Anderson

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Breakout Sessions:
A. Interview with the Gambler:
The Gambler Chronicles
Mr. Christopher Anderson
B. Helping Children Who Are Affected by a Parent's
Addiction
Ms. Bobbe McGinley, Ms. Stacey Beck
C. The Longevity of Recovery
Ms. Marilyn Lancelot

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Provided

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Addressing the Impact of Gambling and Problem
Gambling on Recovery, Health, and Well Being
Dr. Loreen Rugle

2:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m. - Break

2:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Breakout Sessions:
A. Recovery Promotion: Thinking Outside the Relapse
Prevention Box
Dr. Loreen Rugle
B. Ken's Wheel of Kaos; The Life Cycle of a Compulsive
Gambler
Mr. Ken Brown
C. Arizona Youth Survey
Ms. Megan Armstrong

PRESENTERS (continued)

Marilyn Lancelot

Author - Sun City, Arizona

Ms. Lancelot is a recovering alcoholic and compulsive gambler with twenty-four years of recovery. For more than 14 years, she has published an online newsletter on gambling recovery. She has also authored three books, "Gripped by Gambling", "Switching Addictions", and "Detour". She shares her story of the many addictions that have controlled parts of her life and how she has changed.

Loreen Rugle, Ph.D

Maryland Center of Excellence in Problem Gambling
- Baltimore, Maryland

Dr. Rugle, is Program Director of the Maryland Center of Excellence in Problem Gambling within the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Dr. Rugle brings to this position 30 years experience in the treatment, prevention, and research of problem gambling. Dr. Rugle has managed problem gambling programs within the Veterans Administration, in the private sector, and within state systems.

Ken Brown

Mesa, Arizona

Mr. Brown, father of four kids and grandfather of two, was a compulsive gambler but has been abstinent from gambling for over 13 years. He attends Gamblers Anonymous and focuses on abstinence and recovery.

Megan M. Armstrong

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission - Phoenix, Arizona

Ms. Armstrong is currently a Research Analyst at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC). In this position she oversees the coordination, administration, and dissemination of the Arizona Youth Survey. Prior to this, Megan worked at ACJC, first as a Prevention Fellow for the State of Arizona, and then as a Research Analyst for the Rx Misuse and Abuse Initiative. She has also worked as a Research Analyst for the Washoe County School District in Reno, Nevada as well for Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) at the University of Nevada, Reno.