Problem Gambling
THE HIDDEN ADDICTION
The New York Council on Problem Gambling is a not-for-profit independent corporation dedicated to increasing public awareness about problem and compulsive gambling and advocating for support services and treatment for persons adversely affected by gambling.

The Council maintains a neutral stance on gambling.
GRECC Connect Program (GC) delivers virtual geriatric consultation with the aim to improve access to geriatric care for Veterans in rural areas. This project links geriatrics specialists from GRECCs (Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers), located in urban tertiary medical centers, to providers and patients in rural areas. Clinical video telehealth, electronic consultation, and educational teleconferences bridge communication and access gaps that rural populations face.

Through this project, we aim to equip rural providers and staff with the knowledge and skills to care for older adults. GC supports staff at rural clinics.

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WHAT IS GAMBLING?
Reason(s) for Gambling
Expectation(s)
Treatment of Time and Money
Reaction to Loss
Level of Disclosure
APPROXIMATELY 85% OF U.S. ADULTS HAVE GAMBLED AT LEAST ONCE IN THEIR LIVES; 60% IN THE PAST YEAR.

2 million U.S. adults (1%) are estimated to meet criteria for severe gambling problems each year. Another 4–6 million (2–3%) would be considered to have mild or moderate gambling problems; that is, they do not meet the full diagnostic criteria for gambling addiction but meet one of more of the criteria and are experiencing problems due to their gambling behavior.

(SOURCE: National Council on Problem Gambling)
Tolerance
Withdrawal
Lack of Control
Preoccupation
Escape Gambling
Chasing
Lying
Risking
Bailout
PREVALENCE OF GAMBLING

ACCESS/EXPOSURE

LIFE CHANGING EVENTS

CULTURE/GENETICS
Types of Gambling in NYS

- Horse Racing
- Lottery
- Casinos
- Off-track Betting
- Bingo
- Raffles
- Slot Machines
- Cards and Dice
- Scratch offs
- Crypto
- Office Pools
- Raffles
- Stock Market
- Sport Betting

Mobile Sports Betting (April 2021)
LIVE January 9th, 2022 (9am)
GAMBLING ADDICTION AFFECTS EVERYONE

70% ALCOHOL DISORDER
38% DRUG DISORDER
60% NICOTINE DEPENDENCE

2/3 REPORTED THAT THEIR MENTAL HEALTH HAS SUFFERED
41% HAVE ANXIETY
PROBLEM GAMBLING AND SUICIDE
RECOGNIZING A HIDDEN RISK AMONG OUR VETERANS

Veterans are 2-3x's more likely to develop a problem with gambling than their civilian counterparts. Recent research reveals the rate of problem gambling among active duty military was 3.5 times higher than among civilians.

Post Traumatic Stress
Veterans with PTS have a 60% higher rate of gambling addiction than the general population.

Suicide Risk
44% of veterans in treatment for problem gambling reported making suicide attempts.

Mental Health
Problem gambling often co-occurs with depression, anxiety, PTS and TBI.

Homelessness
Gambling disorder is the second strongest predictor of homelessness among veterans.

Substance Use
66.4% of veterans seeking treatment for gambling disorder reported a lifetime history of substance abuse.
THE GAPS
According to the DOD, 17.3% of active-duty service members are African American.

Yet, African-American veterans have not been well represented in studies examining gambling behavior in veterans (Levy, L. et al, 2016).

Among civilians, Blacks are more likely to be impacted by problem gambling (Welte et al. 2006).

Join #NYCPG as we raise awareness.
When someone needs help, what do you do?
PGRC CLINICAL NETWORK
Network of licensed mental health professionals that specialize in PG
- In person
- Telehealth

REFERRALS TO SUPPORT SERVICES
- Gambler's Anonymous (GA)
- Family Groups
- Recovery Community
- Peer Support
- Podcasts

SELF - EXCLUSION
Provide information about voluntary self-exclusion process in NYS
Referral Process

Contact us via phone, email, message.

Hours - Monday through Friday 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

All calls are confidential.

Cost is not a barrier.

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A conversation about gambling addiction and how it affects the individual, the family, and society. Mental Health matters are discussed as mental health is important.

Dave Yeager is a U.S. Army Veteran and in recovery for a gambling addiction. Through Dave's own story and the stories of Active Duty Military Members and Veterans we hope to create a safe space to listen and learn about gambling addiction in the military. This podcast is produced in association with All In: The Addicted Gambler's Podcast.

Call (315) 748-1163 or email JCrandall@nyproblemgambling.org for veteran-specific care.
CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE:
TIME FOR A CALL TO ACTION ON VETERAN
PROBLEM GAMBLING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022
9AM-2PM
*HYBRID CONFERENCE EVENT*

IN-PERSON at the
National Veterans Resource
Center @ Syracuse University

VIRTUAL Anywhere
via ZOOM

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