



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 and is governed by a Board of Directors.

About the Council

- Produces and disseminates information leading to increased recognition, prevention and treatment of gambling problems.
- Conducts and publicly supports research activities to establish and document areas of need.
- Provides training tools to health care and other professionals for the purpose of assessing and treating persons with gambling related problems.
- Participates in governmental planning activities fostering expanded and improved services for residents adversely affected by gambling.
- Assists industry and business leaders in developing customer and employee based problem gambling awareness programs.
- Sponsors workshops and conferences.

History

In 1972, the Board of Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous in the New York City area requested their Spiritual Advisor, Monsignor Dunne establish a Council on Compulsive Gambling to do what they could not do because of anonymity- call national attention to the increasing problem of compulsive gambling in the United States. The National Council on Problem Gambling was founded at that time and in 1975, was chartered as a nonprofit organization. Initially organized by an alliance of health professionals and recovering gamblers, the National Council benefited from the work of pioneers such as Dr. Robert Custer and Monsignor Joseph Dunne of New York. Until the National Council decided to relocate its headquarters to Washington, D.C., the National Council and the New York Council on Problem Gambling were in essence one and the same. In fact, money was provided by the New York State Office of Mental Health to maintain the National Council on Problem Gambling Helpline. The New York Council on Problem Gambling was formally incorporated in 1995.

For more information, visit: www.NYProblemGambling.org